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## Merry Christmas

### Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

#### Whatcom Lodge Report

**Stated Meeting** - Our stated meeting was held on November 18<sup>th</sup> with Twenty-six brothers attending. In addition to the regular business and of the lodge a Second Degree was conferred and four petitions were balloted on.

**Degrees Conferred:** At our Stated meeting the Fellowcraft Degree was conferred on Bro. Tony Anton. It was especially nice to have so many brothers attending, seven of whom were *visitors*: WM Jerry Mason, WB Jack Sprouls, WB Dick Myhre and VW John Sleeth of Lynden #56, WM Gary Pitcher Bellingham Bay #44 and WB Jim Hawley and WB James Hawley (father & son) of Glendora #44, jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California.

**Balloting:** After the degree we balloted on four petitions for Affiliation or Plural membership. In all four cases the results were found to be *Fair, Clear* and *Bright*. By this action the Whatcom brethren elected WB Bruce Sterling, Bro. Alan Cheesman, Bro. Marvin Wolff and Bro. Steve Schuman as our newest members. A hearty welcome to All!

**Installation of Officers.** Whatcom Lodge held its 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation of Officers on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. WB Ted Schuman began the ceremony with a fine address (see page 3). WM Larry West concluded his term with a few comments and introduced the installing team. VWB's Glenn Hutchings and John Browne performed as the Installing Officers, WB Bill Hall as Installing Secretary, WB Ted Schuman as Installing Marshal and WB Gary Pitcher was the Installing Chaplain and he gave the Charge to the Master. WB Jerry Mason gave the Charge to the Wardens and VW Charles Cunningham gave the Charge to the Lodge. VW Russ Gran was seated in the East as the Honorary Installing Marshal. (Some sixty-five attendees joined us for a post celebration dinner).

**Longevity Pins awarded:** After WM Boyd McEwen and his officers were installed he presented two long-time Masons with their longevity pins. First, Bro. Vernon Hagen was presented, introduced and given his 50 Year pin, followed by VW Edwin Jungblom who was presented, introduced and given his 55 Year pin. Both were warmly congratulated by the brothers and guests.

**Next meetings** - Our next Special Communication is Thursday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> and the next Stated Communication is Thursday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be at 5:30 pm and lodge will begin to open at 6:30 pm.

**Note:** Brothers, the Dues Notices have been sent out, so if you've not received yours yet please contact me. The deadline for payment is set by the Grand Lodge and the date is Dec. 31st, so please do not delay. If you have any questions regarding your Dues Notice, please do not hesitate to call or email me to resolve any point of confusion. My goal is to serve you and the lodge by getting the process correct.

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

Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Ferndale Lodge - Dark
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nooksack Valley Ldg - Dark
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	Whatcom Lodge - 6:30 pm
Dec 27 <sup>th</sup>	Kulshan Int. Lodge - Dark



You are cordially Invited  
to the Open  
117<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation  
of Officers  
of  
Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44

**Date:** Friday, December, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Time:** Hors D'oeuvres 6 PM

Ceremony starts at 7 PM

Officers to be installed include:

WM - Chris Lyon

SW - Russ Weston

JW - Mark Quenneville

Sec-Treas - Ken Gass

**Location:** Scottish Rite Hall  
1101 N. State St. Bellingham, WA



Bikes 4 Books

During the past month 14 bikes have been delivered to 7 schools in the Meridian and Lynden School Districts for the Bikes 4 Books program. This popular program has been met with enthusiasm from young readers, parents, teachers, librarians and principals. Schools continue to report significant increases in reading and attribute that success to the Bikes 4 Books program.



*“Books are masters who instruct us without rods or rules, without words or anger, without bread or money. If you approach them, they are not asleep; if you seek them, they do not hide; if you blunder, they do not scold; if you are ignorant, they do not laugh at you.”*

~ Elizabeth Barrett Browning

*“Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.”*

~ Charles W. Eliot



Scholarships & Educators of the Year

Applications for the Lynden Lodge Scholarships were delivered to the counselors in the Meridian and Lynden school districts. Applications for Educators of the Year were given to the district superintendents. Judging of these applications will take place in February 2011. Award ceremonies will be in the Spring. Both these successful programs are in their fifth year.

3rd degree

The sublime degree of a Master Mason will be conferred on Bro. Don Aho on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Ferndale Masonic Center. Please join your Lynden Lodge brothers in raising this newest member. It will be my first conferral as Master of the Lodge.

WB Jerry the Mason  
Worshipful Master



*“Folklore, legends, myths, and fairy tales have followed childhood through the ages, for every healthy youngster has a wholesome and instinctive love for stories fantastic, marvelous, and manifestly unreal.” ~ ~ “The imaginative child will become the imaginative man or woman most apt to create, to invent, and therefore to foster civilization.”*

~ L. Frank Baum (1856 - 1919)

Here is what **Bellingham Bay**

has going on.

**December** activities for Bellingham Bay #44

**Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>** This is our Stated Meeting with the officers for 2011 stepping up to open and close on the Entered Apprentice Degree at 7:30. There will be a walk through of the installation process.

**Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>** Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> will be the Annual Installation of Officers at 7:00 PM. This will be an open installation for family and friends to attend. There will be Hors D'oeuvres served at 6:00 PM and the 2010 officers will open lodge at 6:30.

WM Gary Pitcher

\*\*\* Installations are a great opportunity to gently introduce others to Masonry and allow their families to meet members of the Fraternity Lodge. Entice them with the free food. Please invite your friends and their families to attend.



**NWSC** Tuesday December 7, 2010 will be our monthly meeting at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli and Ale House, 709 W. Orchard Drive. The menu for the evening will be: Roast Beef, Roasted Little Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Spinach Salad, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Dessert. All for the price of \$17.00 per person. Zem Zem at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m., Meeting at 8:00 p.m. For reservations call Noble Ron Fine at 360-676-5747 or E-mail me at [Ron-Fine2@aol.com](mailto:Ron-Fine2@aol.com).

Our election results for officers were as follows: President -Tim Springstead, 1V.P. Claude Weadon, 2nd V. P. Greg Cory, Treasurer - George Edwards, Secretary - Ron Fine, Directors - Bill Barquist, Skip Metzger, Chuck Loney, Chuck Nelson. The Installation will be Friday January 28, 2011 at the Maplewood Masonic Hall, 2626 W. Maplewood Ave.

Sunshine Committee has been very busy. Noble Ted McQuiston is still at Alderwood Care Center but has been moved to Rm 63 West, Noble Bob Brower is still having problems with his leg, Noble John Burley still has problems with his legs, Lady Connie Livermore has been having medical problems, and it's with sadness that we lost a great friend and Noble, Steve Cronkhite on 10-14-2010. We had several Nobles attend our last meeting who are members of the club but don't have a chance to make the meetings; Nobles Gerald Landcastle, & Bud Kinsey, plus Brother John Lindquist who will become a Noble on November 13th. On behalf of Lady Sharon & myself we wish all of you Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

Yours in Faith ~ Ron Fine, Secretary

## Fairhaven Lodge No. 73

Fairhaven #73 will be having their Stated Meeting Tues. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. WB Scott Slater from Burlington United will be the program. He will be talking about WWII. The biggest war we have ever been in. It should be very informative. Please come and join us at 7 P.M. Our SW Joe Howell always has great refreshments. Let us all keep the Christmas Sprit all year around.

WB Dave Nelson  
WM Fairhaven Lodge



"The test of courage comes  
when we are in the minority.  
The test of tolerance comes  
when we are in the majority."

Ralph W. Sockman

## Scottish Rite – Valley of Bellingham

The 18<sup>th</sup> Degree, *Knight Rose Croix*, was conferred on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> to Bro. Christopher Huchel, Bro. Claude Weadon, and Bro. Terrell Goertz. Congratulations Brothers!

Congratulations to Bro. Terrell Goertz for successfully completing the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Program – I.

**Christmas Dinner – Rose Croix** (Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm)  
For info or to RSVP contact: Bro. Chuck Anway, 32¢<sup>a</sup>  
KCCH [secretary@scottish-rite.com](mailto:secretary@scottish-rite.com)

Scottish Rite Valley of Bellingham will soon be starting a new class. Master Masons interested in joining the Scottish Rite should submit their petitions prior to Jan. 5, 2011. If you have any questions contact: Bro. Ron Fine, 32j;Æ KCCH [RonFine2@aol.com](mailto:RonFine2@aol.com)

Have questions about the Scottish Rite? Come join us sometime for dinner. For info and to RSVP contact: Bro. Chuck Anway, 32¢<sup>a</sup> KCCH [secretary@scottish-rite.com](mailto:secretary@scottish-rite.com)

At the request of our distinguished guests here are opening comments of WB Ted Schuman the opening MC of the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation of Officers of Whatcom Lodge No. 151:

Good Evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the 104<sup>th</sup> installation of Whatcom Lodge. Please be sure you turn off all cell phones before we begin; thank you.



My name is Ted Schuman, and I have been asked to tell you a bit about Masonry and about our lodge, as well. Modern masonry is roughly three hundred years old, and contrary to some TV documentaries you may have seen, we are not really very secret. Buildings with the familiar square and compass can be found in almost every town in America, and in most foreign countries.

You will notice that tonight the officers of the lodge wear tuxedos, in deference to the dignity of our ceremonies as they were originated, centuries ago.

Some of the most famous and influential members of our society have been Masons, including Sir Isaac Newton, Thomas Jefferson, Henry Ford, Benjamin Franklin, John Wayne, Teddy Roosevelt, General Douglas MacArthur, astronaut Buzz Aldrin, and of course, our country's first president – George Washington. What could have attracted these men to Freemasonry?

Very simply, it is the oldest and largest men's fraternal organization in the world, whose purpose is to take good men and help them become better; better men, better husbands and fathers, and better members of the community. We do this with our ritual, by expressing a philosophy of tolerance, brotherly love, aid for one another and complete trust.

While masonry is not a religious organization, it does require a belief in some faith before you can be admitted.

Unlike some other organizations, we do not solicit membership; you have to ask to become a Mason, but once you do there is a tremendous amount of help available to aid you in the completion of your journey. Recently, we have been fortunate to have a steady stream of applicants of all ages for the degrees of Masonry here in Whatcom Lodge. The fellowship and bonding that occurs in our lodge transcends all ages, religious and political affiliations.

Whatcom Lodge supports our community in a number of ways; for years we have awarded educational scholarships to dozens of students, in prior years we have supported local baseball and basketball teams and our members regularly participate in the Annual Masonic Education Council; a local scholarship program right here in Whatcom county.

And as a part of the Grand Lodge of Washington our contributions go toward the support of a retirement home called Landmark on the Sound, near Seattle, where Masons and/or their spouses can be taken care of if there is no one else to see to their needs.

And, finally, we like to eat, as those of you joining us for the dinner after our installation will confirm. Now, without further ado, let start the evening's festivities.

*Whatcom Lodge would like to say thanks again to all those who assisted us during the ceremony, cooking the food, setting up the dinning room, serving the meal and cleaning up.* Thank you and have a Wonderful Holiday Season!!

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

What can be more palpably absurd than the prospect held out of locomotives traveling twice as fast as stagecoaches?  
 - The Quarterly Review, England (March 1825)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>28</b> First Advent	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)  Hanukkah Begins - Sundown	<b>2</b> L # 56 stated meeting 7:30 pm  W #151 - Spl. Comm - lodge opens at 6:30 p.	<b>3</b> BB # 44 Stated 7:30 pm.	<b>4</b> San Juan #175 holds its Annual Installation of Officers for 2011
<b>5</b> Daylight Savings Time Ends Second Advent	<b>6</b> Hesperus Commandery No. 8. Dinner at 6:30, meet 7:30 pm F-OES #223 7:30 p. Feast of St. Nicholas Day	<b>7</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.  Pearl Harbor Day	<b>8</b> NV # 105 - Dark	<b>9</b> Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.  Hanukkah Ends - Sundown	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Bethel No. 25 holds its Installation of Officers today. We will not meet on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat - Have a very Merry Christmas
<b>12</b> Third Advent	<b>13</b> F # 264 - Dark Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM	<b>14</b> F # 73-stated 7 pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> W 151-Stated dinner at 5:30, lodge opens 6:30 pm.	<b>17</b> BB # 44 Holds its Annual Installation of Officers at 7 pm **Hors D'oeuvres at 6 pm	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Fourth Advent	<b>20</b> Bellingham Chp Royal Arch F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>21</b> ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)  Winter Solstice	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Christmas Eve	<b>25</b> KI # 186 - Dark Bethel #25 MOVED TO Sat. Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>  Christmas Day 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Christmas
<b>26</b> Kwanzaa Begins Boxing Day 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day of Christmas	<b>27</b>  3 <sup>rd</sup> Day of Christmas	<b>28</b> F # 73-Spl. 7 pm.  4 <sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas	<b>29</b>  5 <sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas	<b>30</b>  6 <sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas	<b>31</b>  ***New Year's Eve*** 7 <sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas	<b>1</b>  New Year's Day 8 <sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas

**“No animal should ever jump up on the dining room furniture unless absolutely certain that he can hold his own in the conversation.”**  
 ~ Fran Lebowitz

The Whatcom Brothers send their wishes for  
 A Very Happy December Birthday!  
 To:

- December 12<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Karl Kern
- December 13<sup>th</sup> - WB. Edward McAllister
- December 17<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Corwin Slentz
- December 31<sup>st</sup> - Bro. Richard Johnson

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