



Letters from District No. 10

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Happy Holidays to You!

Whatcom Lodge Report

Special Communication: Our Thursday, Nov 1st meeting was attended by 21 Whatcom Brothers, 1 visitor and 3 dinner guests.

Installation of Officer: VW John Browne installed Bro. Frank Myers as JS of Whatcom Lodge.

Reports: WB Ted Schuman gave a general report on the Hall Temple Board and VW Glenn Hutchings reported specifically on the kitchen ovens and the roof-leak situation.

VW Terrell Goertz gave a status report on the up-coming annual Feast of St. John event which takes place on Thursday Dec 27th.

VW Don Higginson spoke on the topics of State Grants to non-profit Organizations which benefit the public.

WB Ted Schuman reported that we have 3 candidates to vote on at our next Stated Meeting and 3 more men are interested in joining Lodge.

Stated Communication: The Nov 15th Stated meeting was attended by 15 Whatcom Brothers, 1 visitor-WB John Armitage of the UK and 2 dinner guests.

Finance report: the Sec'y gave the finance report and noted that under the present circumstances the Lodge is doing well.

Audit report: WB Ted Schuman report that the Audit was held prior to the Nov 1st Special Mtg and the Lodge found to be well managed.

Petitions: Three Petitions for the Degree were balloted on and found to *Fair, Clear & Bright*.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave a report on our Masonic Youth who he said are active and having fun.

Degrees: We have two MM Degrees scheduled, one at each of our next month's meetings, December 6th & 20th.

Feast of St. John: It's time again for our annual Feast of St. John the Evangelist. The date is Thursday December 27th two days after Christmas. See page 3 for menu details. RSVP & check are due on or by December 15th to ensure your meal is covered. This is a semi-formal event.

The next Special Communication will be on Thursday, December 6th, and the next Stated will be on Thursday, December 20th. 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

Dec 7th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Dec 13th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge
56 - 7 pm

Dec 20th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at
5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Up-coming Events

Degrees....Whatcom Lodge has planned two MM Degree for December, on the 6th and 20th. Master Masons are welcome to join us as we Raise these two fine brothers.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon....Tuesday, December 18th 12 noon at the **Rusty Wagon**, on Hannegan, just north of the Pole Rd. This is an open event, perfect to bring friends interested in the Craft to chat with real live Masons in the wild.

Feast of St. John the Evangelist 2018 ... Whatcom Lodge will host it's 2018 celebration of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist on December 27th at Giuseppe's Al Porto Ristorante. The social period begins at 6:30 pm and dinner to follow.

RSVP to JW Terrell Goertz at *email:*
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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

Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

Dec 13th Stated Meeting 7:00 PM
Dec 27th Have a Happy Christmas week Off

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

Hands Across the Border - 2018 Fall

This event was a great success. The two honorees at the gala dinner show on Saturday November 3rd, were Grand Master James Kendall, F. & A. M. of Washington, and Grand Master Barry Burch, A. F. & A.M. of B.C. & Yukon.

EA degree at stated communication on December 13th

William Ragans will receive the EA degree at the stated communication on Thursday, December 13th. Please bring your EAs to this degree.

Decima at rhdecima@aol.com.

WB Dick Decima,
Secretary....Ph. 392-0145

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

Friday December 7th Stated Communication:

Friday February 21st Special Communication:



**Royal & Select Masters of WA
Bellingham Council #16**

Companions,
Bellingham Council #16 will have their stated Assembly on Monday December 10, 2018. Dinner at 6:30 followed by Assembly at 7:30. See you there.

Just a reminder that dues for 2019 are being accepted. Bellingham Council #16 has decided, per our by-laws, that the Grand Council per capita assessment of \$15.50 which we have not collected in past years will now be collected, **non-life member** dues are now \$15.00 plus the Grand Council Assessment of \$15.50 for a total of \$30.50. **Life members are required to remit the Grand Council per-capita assessment of \$14.50.**

Please note the new email address for the recorder, jammerguson1@gmail.com.

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There are many
in this old world of ours
who hold that things break
about even for all of us.
I have observed, for example,
that we all get the same
amount of ice.
The rich get it in the
summertime
and the poor
get it in the winter.
Lawman - Bat Masterson



2018 Feast of St. John the Evangelist

This is a festive suit & tie affair

Thursday, December 27th at
Giuseppe's Al Porto Ristorante

Dinners are \$60 per plate
There will also be a cash Bar on Hand

The Menu is:

Antipasti

Gamberetti al Cognac

Prawns sautéed with onions, mushrooms in a creamy brandy tomato sauce

Tortine di Polenta con Funghi

Seared polenta cakes, sautéed Portobello mushrooms and gorgonzola cream

Bruschetta Della Cosa

Tbased ciabatta bread topped with fresh tomatoes, garlic, basil, gorgonzola and extra virgin olive oil

Salad

Insalata della Cssa

Mixed baby greens, tomato, olive, gorgonzola; dressed with house made vinaigrette

Piatti

Choice of...

Ravioli della Nonna

Cheese ravioli with creamy tomato, mushroom, garlic; garnished with basil pine nut pesto.

Pollo alla Parmigiana

Lightly breaded chicken breast baked with marinara, mozzarella, gorgonzola and parmesan cheeses; served with spaghetti.

Lobster Ravioli

Main lobster stuffed ravioli in black pepper vodka and tomato cream sauce with asparagus, roasted cherry tomatoes and tiger prawns.

Salmon

Grilled balsamic and rosemary glazed wild king salmon, fresh herb salsa verde, sautéed vegetables and roasted potatoes.

Arosto di Maiate

Grilled 14oz Carlton Farms pork chop, apricot mostarda, citrus Dijon butter, sautéed vegetables and whipped potatoes.

Bistecca al Funghi

Grilled 12oz New York steak with gorgonzola cream sauce, roasted fingerling potatoes and marsala demi-sauce.

RSVP's are required by Dec 15th and are to be accompanied by your check and main course choice(s). (Once meals have been confirmed to the restaurant no refunds are possible for NO Shows) Questions to VW Terrell Goertz:

tvgoertz@msn.com

Checks to made out to Whatcom Lodge #151



Lodge Number One, the North Pole

'Twas the Night before Christmas, and down at the lodge
not a gavel was stirring, and in the hodge-podge.

Of aprons and jewels and chairs East and West
You could savor the silence, most gladly divest

All metal and mineral, it mattered not,
Since Christmas was nigh and the coals were still hot.

In the hearth of your home-place, all Masons abed,
As visions of trestle-boards danced in their head;

When up on the roof there arose such a clatter
Our Tyler jumped up to see what was the matter!

He picked up his sword and ran fast to the door,
Three knocks shook the panels - he wondered 'What for?'

He answered the knocking with raps of his own,
And once the door opened he saw, with a moan

Of delight it was Santa, all jolly and red
Except for one notable feature instead!

Upon his large finger he wore what we knew
Was compasses and square on a background of blue!

'Why Santa!' he shouted and lowered his blade,
'I see you're a Mason!' the Tyler relayed.

He looked toward the Master's most dignified chair
And said, voice near trembling, 'Most Worshipful Sir'

There's a Gentleman properly clothed at the gate!
The Master replied, 'Let's allow him - but wait!

You tell me a Gentleman, but I don't see
His Apron beneath that red suit, can it be

Our visitor hasn't been properly raised?
Must we offer a test that is suitably phrased?

'I do beg your pardon,' ol' Santa said quick
As he pulled up his coat and displayed not a stick

But a cane with engraving, two balls did appear
And oh, what an apron, he wore and held dear!

Adorned like the Master's, complete with a sign
Of 'Lodge Number One, the North Pole' on one line!

'Now let this man enter,' the Master declared,
And once in the Lodge room, the Brethren all stared,

For Santa was wearing a jewel not seen
For many a century - there in between

The fur of his coat and the splendid red collar
Gleamed two golden reindeer that shone like a dollar!

'It's Donner and Blitzen, who I must confess
'Are actually images brought from the West

By my Warden, a craftsman like none in the world!
And with a great laugh from his bag he unfurled

An ear of fine corn, and some oil from the East,
'My friend I have plenty, tonight we will feast

On all that is good! We are Masons, kind sir!
A murmur went throughout the Lodge, quite a stir,

As presents and promises flew from his sack!
This Santa, a Mason, showed he had a knack


For making this Christmas the best you could glean,
And soon even Deacons were laughing, they'd seen

On this very night only happiness reigned!
This jolly Saint Nicholas quickly explained

That only a Mason could be so inclined
To make all kids happy, make all people find

A Christmas so special, yes, Santa was right!
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

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
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 <i>1st. Advent</i>	3 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30	4 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	5 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	6 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm. MM Degree is planned	7 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	8
9 <i>2nd. Advent</i>	10 Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	11 Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm	12 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	13 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm EA Degree is planned Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	14	15
16 <i>3rd. Advent</i>	17 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p.	18 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	19 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	20 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm. MM Degree is planned	21 BB # 44	22 Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm
23 <i>4th. Advent</i>	24 F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)???? <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25  <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>1st day of Christmas</i>	26 Chuckanut Chap-ter DeMolay 7:30 pm ? <i>2nd day of Christmas</i>	27 L # 56 special meet-ing 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC) <i>Feast of St. John</i> <i>3rd day of Christmas</i>	28 <i>4th day of Christmas</i>	29 <i>5th day of Christmas</i>
30 <i>6th day of Christmas</i>	31 <i>7th day of Christmas</i> <i>New Year's Eve</i>	1 <i>8th day of Christmas</i> <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 <i>9th day of Christmas</i>	3 <i>10th day of Christmas</i>	4 <i>11th day of Christmas</i>	5 <i>12th day of Christmas</i>

**Widows & Orphans Fund
for District No. 1**

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

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