



Letters from District No. 10

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Happy Valentine's Day!



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January 2010

Mark your calendar on Thursday, March 4th ✓

For the annual Spring **Hands Across the Border**
dinner & filed meeting

Don't wait to make your *RSVP*, seating will be limited.

Lynden Lodge will be moving its Charter
To the Bellingham Masonic Center
2626, W. Maplewood Ave.

Times: Social period - 5:30 PM; Dinner - 6:00 PM; Lodge - 7:30 PM

Price: \$20.00 for an advanced ticket or \$25.00 **at the door**
(Any proceeds in excess of costs will go toward
the Bikes 4 Books program)

Ticket sales for the dinner will be limited to 100 due to space restrictions in the dining hall. Reservations may be made by calling *WB Dick Decima* at 360-392-0145 or by Email at: rhdecima@aol.com.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Feb 3 rd	San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm
Feb 4 th	Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
Feb 5 th	Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
Feb 8 th	Ferndale Lodge - 7:30- pm
Feb 9 th	Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm
Feb 10 th	Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
Feb 18 th	Whatcom Lodge - 6:30 pm
Feb 27 th	Kulshan Int. Lodge - 10:30 am

A letter from Johnathan Ashely to his lodge brothers in Whatcom Lodge.....

Dear Brothers of Whatcom Lodge:

I apologize for not being in communication over the last few years. Things are going very well for me. A lot has been happening in my life and this has kept me very busy.

Since graduating from Eastern in 2008 I have been working as the Executive Director of a Nursing Facility in Gig Harbor, WA. I was married in August to my beautiful wife Lindsay and we are living in Gig Harbor. In Gig Harbor I have continued to be active in masonry at my first lodge, John Paul Jones No. 271.

I was the SW for JPJ#271 last year and am currently the Worshipful Master this year. During my time at Whatcom Lodge I grew in Masonry and am sharing your strengths with John Paul Jones. Thank you for all of your help and support over the last few years. I wish you all well and hope to make it up to Bellingham soon for a degree or stated meeting.

Thank You Again ~

WB Jon Ashley 1-9-2010

Whatcom Lodge Report

Stated Meeting - Our stated meeting was held on January 21st, 2010 and what a wonderful meeting it turned out to be. There were 36 brothers in attendance including the candidate who receive his First Degree. The Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. Ten, VW Charles Cunningham, made his Official Visit to Whatcom Lodge and he was very pleased to see such a fine turnout of Masons.

Petitions: The Investigation Committee for the Petition of Mr. Michael Mozelewski were unanimous in recommending that the petition be granted. The ballot result was *Fair, Clear & Bright* and Mr. Mozelewski became the newest member of Whatcom Lodge.

Degrees - During the month of January we conferred three degrees: The EA degree was conferred on James McCullough (1-7-10) and Jesse Peterson (1-21-10) and the FC degree was conferred on Bro. Joe Barratt (1-20-10). Also on 1/20/2010 Bro. Jakob Frisch completed his FC proficiency and is now ready for his Third Degree.

Next Special Communication - February 4th, dinner at 5:30 with lodge to open at about 6:30 pm. The purpose of this Special Communication will be to confer the Third Degree on Bro. Jakob Frisch.

Next Stated meeting - February 18th, dinner at 5:30, lodge to begin opening at 6:30. At this meeting we plan to confer the EA Degree on Mr. Michael Mozelewski.

Whatcom Lodge has seen lots of activity this past year, we gained 8 new MM members, 7 by being Raised and 1 as a Plural member. On the down side, 4 of our brothers passed away and 3 moved-on. Still, we have lots of work ahead.

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

Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

“It is a common observation
that those who dwell continually
upon their expectations
are apt to become oblivious
to the requirements
of their actual situation.”

~ Charles Sanders Peirce

February

2: Budget & Finance/Masterminds
4 : Stated Meeting & 1st Qtr. Fin. Report
11: MM degree – Sean O’ Heir
15: Flags: President’s Day
18: Special Meeting
20: MLA – Ferndale 264 Host
22: George Washington portrait presentation, Lynden Library
26: Lynden Lodge Scholarship/Educator of the Year Application deadline
March 1- 4: Lynden Lodge Scholarship Judging.

March 4: Hands Across the Border

March 5: Notification of Lynden Lodge Scholarship Winners to School Administrators.

January 2010 was a busy time for Lynden Lodge Members. Flags were displayed at Lynden and Greenwood cemeteries on the 1st and the 18th. A Bikes for Books drawing and presentation was held at Bernice Vossbeck Elementary School. On January 21st Lynden Lodge brethren were received with customary hospitality during a visit to Whatcom Lodge #151.

The Bikes for Books program continues to be well received by all involved. At the beginning of the school year Lynden Lodge placed 32 bicycles. Plans are to install a like number for the second semester or remainder of the school year. Feedback from the schools and Lynden Library all highlight significant results in increased student reading.

Lynden Lodge recently was informed that approval had been granted by the Historic Mount Vernon association to sponsor Rembrandt Peale’s “Porthole Portrait of George Washington” for the Lynden Public Library. Presentation to Lynden Library will be on Bro. Washington’s Birthday February 22, 2010 at a 7:00 PM reception.

We have been fortunate to secure the participation of Past Grand Master, MWB Wayne Smith. MWB Smith, in period costume, will give a short speech on Bro. Washington and his Masonic involvement.

The Director of Major Gifts for Historic Mount Vernon stated that “this gift would represent the first library in the nation (outside of a school) where Mount Vernon has placed one of these beautiful portraits.”

Lynden Lodge brethren hope for a good representation and attendance from all District 10 brothers.

Please visit us at Lynden Lodge on the 1st Thursday of the month. We welcome your attendance and support.

Jack Sprouls, WM

WM Jack Sprouls
Lynden Lodge No. 56

The Whatcom Brothers send their wishes for the following brothers who have birthdays in the months of November, December, January and February.

A Very Happy Birthday To:

Bro. James P. McCullough - November 4th

Bro. Samuel A. Hart - November 10th

Bro. Joseph D. Barratt - November 12th

WB Bruce McGinnis - November 17th

Bro. Halfred M. Hoffherr - November 17th

Bro. Robert V. Ekdahl - November 24th

Bro. Karl F. Kern - December 12th

WB Edward P. McAllister - December 13th

Bro. Corwin Slentz - December 17th

Bro. Richard A. Johnson - December 31st

Bro. Clark J. Johnson - January 22nd

Bro. Scott M. Slagle - February 2nd

VW Edwin N. Jungblom - February 6th

WB Roy W. Nicholas - February 7th

Bro. Ronald D. Bennett - February 12th

WB Theodore Schuman - February 14th

Bro. Charles R. McCord - February 17th

WB John C. Burley - February 17th

Bro. Monte Thompson - February 19th

Bro. Frank C. Myers - February 20th

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

Friday February 5th Stated at 7:30 with opening on the Master Mason degree and official visit of the District Deputy Charles Cunningham. Installation of remaining officers and discussion of a Masonic topic.

Thursday February 11th Monthly visitation to Lynden Lodge to attend their Master Mason degree.

Friday February 19th Special communication at 7:30 on the Entered Apprentice degree. This will be a memorial service for our departed brethren.

Friday February 26th Monthly S.W.'s coffee and practice session at 7:00 PM.

WM Gary Pitcher

Whatcom Lodge No 151

Proposed Standing Resolution: The following proposed Standing Rules resolution was submitted by Bro. Ron Exner for your consideration. Whatcom brothers, please look this resolution over, it will be discussed and brought up for a vote at the February 18th, stated meeting.

Given that it is to the benefit of the lodge that members and officers have accurate and current financial information and that such information is required when voting on financial matters, that the following resolution be adopted by our lodge:

The Treasurer or his appointee shall be empowered to develop and/or utilize whatever chart of accounts deemed necessary by him to accurately record the revenues and expenses of the lodge. Should the Treasurer delegate this duty he shall still remain responsible for the outcome obtained thereby.

The Treasurer shall follow Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

The Treasurer, in cooperation with the Executive Board and the Budget Committee shall produce a budget that is submitted to the Lodge for their approval and examination no later than the 2nd Stated Meeting of each fiscal year.

A lodge audit MUST be performed no later than the first month of the fiscal year and reported to the lodge no later than the 2nd Stated Meeting of the same year.

The Audit Committee shall follow guidelines approved by the Finance Committee.

All expenditures and reimbursements shall be by check only. (Unless the lodge approves a petty cash fund).

At each Stated Meeting, the Treasurer shall produce for each member in attendance, a review of cumulative expenditures by account, year to date, and the budgeted amount associated therewith. These amounts shall be made available to attendees prior to a vote on any expenditure of Lodge funds.

Fairhaven Lodge No. 73

Yes. Fairhaven is alive and well. We now open at 7:00 PM. This year, 2010, we will mark our 120th year of continually serving our community, and making good men better. A small celebration is planned, and you will all be notified when the plans are finally adopted.

February 23rd, Fairhaven will be planning a degree, could be a 1st, could be a 2nd, might be both. We will be sharing our time at the Maplewood Temple with the Jobies, as they have a dinner to put on.

Fairhaven Lodge is in an interesting position in Lodge management. Three of the Worshipful Master's in this district are members of Fairhaven Lodge, as well as the Master of a Canadian Lodge.

Five of the leaders of the York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies are members of Fairhaven Lodge. Our members obviously take leadership very seriously.

Looking forward to March and April, degrees will continue on the 4th Tuesday of each month, with us taking a candidate to Burlington United in March.

In April we will be hosting our Past Master's and our Canadian Brethren on the 27th. There will be a dinner and a degree.

Come out and enjoy our Lodge, the Worshipful Master, Dave Nelson is doing a splendid job and looks forward to going forward into 2010 with vigor.

WB Thom Baughn ~ Secretary - Fairhaven No. 73

NW Shrine Club You are invited to the February Monthly dinner meeting of the Northwest Shrine Club on Tuesday February 2, 2010. This will take place at Jeckyl & Hyde and Ale House 709 W. Orchard Dr.

Menu for the evening will be: Pork Roast, Apple Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Baby Peas, Garden Salad, Rolls, Coffee and Dessert. All for the price of \$17.00 per person.

For reservations call Noble Ron Fine at 360-676-5747 or E-mail me at RonFine2@aol.com. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JANUARY 28, 2010.** Zem, Zem at 6:00 P.M. Dinner at 7:00 P.m. Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Come meet your new officers, see new friends and old friends. I want to thank you for having me as your secretary and I hope I can do a good job for the club. As of this writing I haven't heard of any one who is ill or in distress at this time. Don't forget now Tuesday February 2, 2010 for the dinner meeting. I do hope everyone had a very Happy New Year. Lady Sharon and I will continue on as the Sunshine Committee. So if you know of someone who is ill or in distress call us at 360-676-5747 and let us know.

Yours in Faith, Ron Fine, Secretary

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
	1 Hesperus Commandery No. 8 - 7:30, F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	2 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	3 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	4 L # 56 stated meeting 7:30 pm W #151 - MM Degree Planned.	5 BB # 44 stated 7:30	6
7	8 F # 264 - 7:30 p. Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	9 F # 73-stated 7 pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	10 NV # 105 - 6 pm	11 L #56 Spl. A 3rd Degree is planned. Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.	12	13 NV # 105 is hosting a Valentine Dance at 6 pm?
14 St. Valentine's Day	15 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	16 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Brd. Meeting	17	18 W 151-stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm An EAM Degree planned	19 BB 44 Stated Meeting 7:30 p. (SRH) Memorial Service is planned.	20 MFLA 10 am is hosted by
21	22	23 F # 73-Spl. Com 7:00 p. (BMC) One or more Degree is planned	24	25	26	27 KI # 186, stated, at 10:30 am. Bethel #25 at 7 pm
28	<p>“Reputation is what other people know about you. Honor is what you know about yourself.” ~ Lois McMaster Bujold</p>					

“Everybody who got where he is
 had to begin where he was.”

~ Robert Louis Stevenson



KING'S QUOTE'S

“Concentrate all your thoughts
 upon the work at hand.
 The sun's rays
 do not burn
 until brought to a focus.”

~ Alexander Graham Bell

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