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Happy Valentine's Day!

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February 2009

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

- Feb 4th San Juan Lodge - 7:30
- Feb 6th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 p
- Feb 5th Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Feb 9th Ferndale Lodge - Dark
- Feb 10th Fairhaven Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Feb 11th Nooksack Valley Ldg - 7:30
- Feb 17th Kulshan Int. Lodge - 7:30 p
- Feb 19th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Mark your calendar on Thursday, March 5th ✓
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.

See Lynden Lodge on page 2 for more details

Whatcom Lodge Report

Greetings fellow Whatcom brothers. WM Larry West ran a pretty smooth stated meeting on January 15th, we were finished by 8:40 PM. We were able to take care of business and confer a degree.

Petitions: Investigation Committee for the petition of Mr. Terrell Goertz, unanimously supported granting the petition. WM Larry West declared the ballot open on the petition and the result was Clear, Fair & Bright. Mr. Goertz is now the newest member of Whatcom Lodge. His First Degree planned for Wednesday, January 28th at 6:30 pm.

A petition for the degrees of Masonry from Mr. Doug Hopson was Read and an Investigation Committee assigned. Five or six Whatcom brothers met with Mr. Hopson the previous Saturday and enjoyed the visit very much. Mr. Hopson works for a local engineering firm and he has resided in Bellingham for one and a half years. His Father and a family friend are both Masons and Mr. Hopson had them sign his petition during the holidays when he went to Arkansas for Christmas.

Degrees. At our 1/15/2009 stated meeting the Fellowcraft Degree was conferred on Bro. Alex Bruner. Bro. Frank Myers conferred, Bro. Tim Johnson presented the Working Tools, VW Glenn Hutchings gave the "G" Lecture, the MC Lecture consisted of using the Grand Lodge DVD with VW John Browne acting as SD, he also gave the Charge. All the lodge officers did find jobs at there stations & places. WB Bruce McGinnis stepped in as Tyler, Bro. Boyd McEwen filled in as JD.

Lodge of Sorrow. Bro. Tim Johnson described a lodge of sorrow he observed visiting a lodge in Alaska. Based his description we decided to create an annual Lodge of Sorrow Service to take place at each January stated meeting. The purpose being to acknowledge those brothers who passed away the previous year. Whatcom Lodge lost five to the scythe of time. Secretary John Browne gave a reading and then as each name was called Bro. Tim Johnson toned the chime. After the names were Bro. Browne lead the membership in the Lord's Prayer. This year we rang the chime for: WB Dave Baller, Bro. Edward Hudson, Bro. Stewart Van Wingerden, Bro. Ernie Francisco and Bro. Thomas "Bill" Evans.

Thanks from your Secretary/Treasurer: Brethren of Whatcom Lodge, I wish to personally thank you for not only getting your dues in on time but to acknowledge that the vast majority of you did voluntarily donate the Per-captia fee. Also, the majority of you who get the paper version of our newsletter, sent in the voluntary subscription fee. Several of you also made additional donations - your generosity truly helps to keep our lodge moving forward during these slow economic times. For those few of you who still have yet to send in your dues, I will gladly receive them.

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

IN MEMORIAM

Ted King of Bellingham, a Pearl Harbor survivor who often talked to students about World War II, died Monday, Jan. 26. He was 86.

A service with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Westford Funeral Home. A reception will follow at Westford's Broadway Hall.

King was a cook aboard the USS Nevada, one of the battleships in Hawaii that bore the brunt of the Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941. Fifty of her crewmen and officers died.

Born in Bellingham, King grew up in Maple Falls and enlisted in the Navy after graduating from Lynden High School. After 20 years in the service, he worked for the state employment services office as an advocate for veterans.

When King talked to classes, he often brought tiny American flags to give students, plus an essay about why Americans should respect the flag.

Dean Kahn - The Bellingham Herald

WB Ted King elected to membership in Whatcom Lodge on 1/18/1945, just over 64 years ago. Ted was initiated 12/27/1946, passed 1/23/1947 and raised 2/24/1947. Ted King served as Worshipful Master in 1972. WB Ted was the longest serving Whatcom Lodge Secretary here-to-fore, serving from 1985 through 1997.

In 1997, in recognition of WB Ted's enthusiasm and dedication to Whatcom Lodge WB Glenn Hutchings established The Ted King Inspirational Award to honor brothers who display a similar devotional service to the lodge. WB Ted King will be sorely missed but long remembered.

In Memoriam continued on page 4

Lynden Lodge on the move

Lynden Lodge calendar for February 2009

Feb 5 th	Stated Meeting	7:30 PM
Feb 19 th	MM Degree - Br. Boeckholt	7:30 PM
Feb 21 st	MLA Meeting	10:00 AM
Mar 5 th	HAB and Stated Meeting	TBA

The HAB event will take place at the Bellingham Masonic Center

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

Fraternally, WB Dick Myhers, WM Lynden Lodge No. 56

Brethren,

On Thursday, March 5th Lynden Lodge No. 56 F. & A.M. will honor our Deputy Grand Master, MWB Gale H. Kenney, of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington and the Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of British Columbia & Yukon, MVB Brian Tuckey at our annual *Hands Across the Border* dinner followed by our stated communication. This is one of premier events of the year. We are the only Lodge in the jurisdiction that honors the Deputy Grand Masters in the Spring and then again in the Autumn after they have become Grand Masters.

The dinner menu will be prime rib or salmon. Catering will be done by VWB Jim Brady and WB Thom Baugh who have prepared this selection on several occasions ---- and it is always good!!!

WM Dick Myhre and the two other executive officers of the Lodge, SW Jack Sprouls and JW Rick Waites, are recommending that the charter be moved from the Ferndale Masonic Center to the Bellingham Masonic Center on West Maplewood Avenue to make the food preparation and cleanup easier.

Publicity for this event will commence on January 30th so any brother who may have an objection to moving the charter or who has any questions about the dinner or the stated communication should contact me no later than January 29th by Email or by telephone at 360-392-0145.

We are expecting no less than 75 Masons at the dinner and meeting so please mark your calendars now. In addition to the two Deputy Grand Masters, we will be hosting other officers and committeemen from both jurisdictions as well as visitors from other Lodges.

There will be more details about the dinner and stated communication on January 30th.

Fraternally,
Dick Decima
IPM/Secretary

MLA Meeting Report

The Masonic Leadership Association met Saturday, January 17, 2009 with twenty three hard working Masons in attendance including three Brethren from San Juan Lodge # 175; WM Brad Smith, SW David Shaw and SD Jim Cox. A brief business meeting was followed by a special program given by WB Charles Tupper of the Grand Lodge Technology Committee.

During the business meeting Ken Gass gave an MEC update. All scholarship packages have been distributed to school counselors. Packages are to be picked up on March 6. The program announcing scholarship recipients will be April 29, 2009.

Vern Christianson distributed 2009 Directories. Vern also read proposed changes to the MLA Standing Rules, consisting of additional secretarial duties and MLA meeting host Lodges being requested to assume Chaplain responsibilities. These two changes will come up for vote at the next meeting.

Jeff Moisan discussed new MLA domain name possibilities and options for MLA web site hosts. Jeff also summarized alternatives for including the MLA calendar online.

Lists of 2009 Officers, Committee Chairmen, Meeting Schedules and Host Lodges were circulated.

WB Dick Decima was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his hard work as MLA President last year.

WB Charles Tupper conducted the special program and demonstrated How to Build a Web Site. Chuck gave many valuable tips including; how to pick and what to look for in selecting a web site host, graphics software suppliers and web page editors. MLA officially recognized WB Tupper for the excellent program. At least one of the Lodge representatives has asked Chuck to review their site for areas of potential improvement.

The next MLA meeting will be at 10:00 AM on February 21, 2009. Ferndale #264 will be the Host Lodge.

This is How Masons Worked

Jack Sprouls
President MLA



KING'S QUOTE'S

“Nothing happens to a man
that he is not fitted by nature to bear.”

General Maximus -
From the movie GLADIATOR

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

Friday February 6th Stated meeting at 7:30. Program to be determined. Vote on candidate for the degrees?

Friday February 20th Special meeting at 7:30. Open on the EA degree and confer an Entered Apprentice degree?

Saturday the 21st Monthly meeting of the MLA at 10 AM at the Maplewood Masonic Center.

WM Gary Pitcher

Old Masonic items Sought

The Lynden Pioneer Museum is looking for vintage Masonic items, (aprons, jewels, personal items, photos, altar pieces, etc.) for its upcoming permanent display on Masonry.

Anyone that has stuff they would like to donate can reach me at the Lynden Pioneer museum.

354-3675.

Thanks, Troy Luginbill

NW Shrine Club Now that our Installation is over the new officers are ready to get working for 2009. If you were unable to attend the installation come out on Tuesday February 3rd, 2009 for our next dinner meeting at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli and Ale House at 709 W. Orchard Drive.

Menu for the evening will be: Pork Loin Roast, Apple Sauce, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Veggies, Salad, Rolls, Coffee & Dessert. All for the price of \$17.00 per person. For reservations call Noble George Edwards at 360-303-0492 or e-mail him at george@syscongrp.com. DEAD-LINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY JANUARY 29, 2009.

As this is my last article as your secretary I would like to say Thank-you for your kindness over the years. It was a great pleasure getting to know all of you; I sort of felt like I was part of your family. Lady Sharon and I will continue to be the Sunshine committee, so if you hear of any member that is ill, or have lost a family member or for any other reason please call us at 360-676-5747. When our new secretary calls you please let him know also and he will pass the word on to us. Don't forget February 14th is Valentines Day; don't forget your Sweethearts.

Yours in Faith,
Ron Fine, Secretary NWSC

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the '3' steps, STR.

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S *Ask the individual to SMILE.

T *Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)
(i.e. It is sunny out today)

R *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue.. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this e-mail sends it to 10 people; you can bet that at least one life will be saved.

Chime for sale

If your high and low 12 strikes sound like your hitting a cast iron frying pan this chime is for you. This chime is just like the ones used by Whatcom and Lynden Lodges and sounds beautiful.

WB Buck Strickland had three of these wonderful sounding chimes made, two are being used by the lodges mentioned above the third one is available for purchase. The first lodge to contact WB Buck can buy this chime for the very reasonable price of \$87.00.

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 FHMC = Friday Harbor Masonic Center; NMC = Nooksack Masonic Center; SRH = Scottish Rite Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 H esperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30, F-OES #223 7:30 pm (FMC)	3 NWSC - Zem Zem 6, Dinner 7, Meeting 8 PM ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	4 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	5 L # 56 7:30 pm W 151 Spl. Comm. At 6:30 pm.	6 BB # 44 stated 7:30 pm (SRH)	7
8	9 F # 264 - stated, at 7:30 pm Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	10 F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	11 NV # 105 - 6 pm.	12 Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.	13	14
15	16 Bellingham Chap-ter Royal Arch - 7:30 pm F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	17 KI # 186 7:30 pm ML-OES # 58 7:30 pm(BMC) NWSC Board. Meeting	18	19 W 151-stated lodge opens 6:30 pm	20 BB 44 7:30 pm. (SRH)	21 MFLA 10 am
22	23	24 F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC)	25	26	27	28 Bethel #25 at 7 pm

IN MEMORIAM

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Stewart Van Wingerden, age 87 of Bellingham passed away Wednesday, October 15, 2008. During WWII Stewart served in the Army Air Corps. While stationed in Honolulu, he worked on the Stars and Stripes newspaper. Bro. Stewart was a career educator. He taught 6th grade at Birchwood Elementary School, he also taught at the Campus School at Western WA. University, where he finished his teaching career as a Profes-sor in the School of Education, a position he held for 32 years, retiring in 1984

Stewart was elected to membership in Whatcom Lodge on 5/15/1950. He was Initiated on 6/1/1950, Passed on 2/14/1952 and Raised on 4/3/1952.

Ernest W. Francisco, age 92, passed away on Tuesday, December 9th, 2008. Though born in Sedro Woolley, WA the family moved to Belling-ham where he graduated from High School. After graduation he started a career in retail joining the J.J. Newberry Co. Over the years he rose in posi-tions of responsibility, Manager, District Manager to Director of Sales. Ernie worked in various States, Washington, Idaho and California. He retired in El Paso, Texas in 1978.

Ernie was an avid sportsman, enjoying hunting and fishing. Big game was his passion, making eight trips to Africa. He also loved to work with his hands, tooling leather and working in ceramic tiles.

Ernie was elected to membership in Whatcom Lodge on 6/16/1938. He Was Initiated on 9/1/1938, Passed on 9/22/1938 and Raised on 10/6/1938

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