



Letters from District No. 10

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Remember your Valentine!

Whatcom Lodge Report

Special Communication: Our Thurs. January 5th meeting was attended by 20 Whatcom Brothers and 2 visitors, Bro's Joe and Scott Jenkins.

Masonic Education: VW Terrell Goertz gave a slide presentation of a recent trip he, WM Paul and SW Craig made down in Nevada at a shooting school named Front Sight. It was interesting and looked fun.

JW Ken Peck gave a projected presentation of our newly revised Web-site and went over some of the features it has and/or will soon have.

Stated Communication: The January 19th Sated meeting was attended by 24 Whatcom Brothers.

Masonic Education: Sec'y Browne read a letter written 202 years ago on this date from Gen Andrew Jackson to Rev Abbe Dubourg, requesting a public thanksgiving service in light of the victory in the Battle of New Orleans. A Mass was held on January 23rd, 1815.

Planning committee report: WM Paul reported on a recent planning meeting. Several events are up-coming including a lodge night at the movies and a third annual campout at the Masonic Park. Some details are in this newsletter and be sure to check out Web-site for up-dated information.

Monthly luncheon: Our first of we hope monthly luncheons was held on Tuesday at Lee's Restaurant. There were 10 in attendance. The next one will be on Tuesday, February 21st, if I read the calendar right. WB Ted Schuman asks that you contact him with your suggestions for future sites.

In Memoriam: Whatcom Lodge lost two longtime member brothers near the end of December. VW Ed Jungblom passed on Dec. 19th and Bro. Clell "Bud" Kinsey passed on Dec. 28th. Bro. Kinsey was remembered during the January 5th Spl. Comm., and VW Ed Jungblom was remembered during the Jan. 19th Stated and again at the Dist. Meeting where it was planned for him to receive his 60 year pin. Both Brothers were outstanding examples of the Masonic spirit in daily action.

Consolidation: WB Landon Estes, WM of Ferndale Lodge No 264 reported at the District Ten Meeting on January 20th that Ferndale Lodge will seek a merger with Whatcom Lodge.

Next Special Communication: is on February the 2nd. The next Stated Communication will be on Thursday, February 16th. For both meetings Dinner is at 5:30 pm and Lodge opens at 6:30 pm.

Faternally, John Browne, Secretary ... **Contact info is at bottom right corner, page 4**

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Feb 3th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Feb 9th Lynden Int. Lodge - 7 pm

Feb 13th Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 pm

Feb 16th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Up-coming Events

Book Presentation...hosted at Bellingham Bay #44. - Friday, February 17th at 7:30 pm. The book is titled: *Freemasonry in the Wild West* by Bro. Kyle Grafstrom, Senior Warden of Verity Lodge #59 in Kent, WA. **Non-Masons are warmly invited to attend!**

Open Installation of Officers for Evergreen Assembly #17 on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 3 pm. At the Bellingham Masonic Center.

Widows Luncheon....Lynden Int. Lodge hosts it's Annual Widows Luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 12th at 2:30 pm it will be held at the Raspberry Ridge Golf Club restaurant on the Hannegan Road

Grand Officers Reception...hosted by Evergreen Assembly #17 on Saturday Feb. 25th at 7 pm.

Master Mason Degree...on Thursday, March 2nd Whatcom Lodge will confer the Master Mason Degree on Bro. Bruce Smith. Dinner at 5:30, lodge at 6:30 pm.

Whatcom goes to the Movies....On Sunday March 19th Whatcom Lodge goes to the movies. no-host dinner at Bob's Burger's and Brew in Barkley Village - we have reservations for 5:30-6:00 in their back room. RSVP to Ted Schuman by March 17th.

Hands Across the Border..... The Spring HAB event, hosted by Lynden Int. Ldg. on April 13th. Soc. hr. at 5 pm, dinner served at 5:30 and a Tyled Lodge opens at 7 pm. See page 2.

Whatcom Lodge Campout...July 27-30 we'll be back out camping see details on page 2.

Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

Feb 11 th	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM
Feb 25 th	Special Meeting	7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

Annual Luncheon Honoring our Widows

Plans have been finalized for our annual luncheon honoring our widows (and widowers) on February 12th which is the second Sunday in February and the traditional day for this event.

There will be a luncheon at 2:30 at the Raspberry Ridge Golf Club restaurant on the Hannegan Road. Please contact WB Glenn Boodey at 360-354-5884 to make reservations for any widow from Kulshan, Nooksack or Lynden Lodges.

Spring 2017 Hands Across the Border

On Thursday, April 13, 2017 Lynden International Lodge No. 56 will honor RWB Ron Yates, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of British Columbia & Yukon, and RWB Warren Schoeben, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington at our Spring *Hands Across the Border* event. The social period will be at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. The Lodge will be tyled at 7:00 pm. We are cordially inviting members of all Whatcom County Lodges to join us that evening as the host country for this annual event.

WB Dick Decima,
Secretary
Ph. 392-0145 or by Email: rhdecima@aol.com

Masonic Degree Upcoming

Whatcom Lodge is planning a Master Mason Degree for Bro. Bruce Smith to be conferred at the Thursday, March 2nd Special Communication.

Dinner is at 5:30

Lodge opens at 6:30 pm.

Whatcom Lodge meets at the Bellingham Masonic Center at 2626 West Maplewood Ave., in Bellingham, WA.

For information contact Lodge Secretary:
VW John Browne...360-599-3481
Email: jbrowne.brf@gmail.com

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

Friday February 3rd Stated: Planning & business.

Friday February 10th Valentine dinner: It has been a number of years since we've done a Valentine event and we look forward to seeing sweethearts we haven't seen for a while. Social will start at 5:30 and dinner at 6pm. Please **RSVP** to RussWeston@juno.com or 360-671-7862

Friday February 17th Special: The public is invited to a presentation from the soon to be published book *Freemasonry in the Wild West* by its author Mr. Kyle Grafstrom at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 1101 N. State St, Bellingham, on Friday, February 17 at 7:30 PM. The author will project historic pictures from his book. Refreshments will follow, with time for discussion during which copies of the book may be ordered. The book will not yet be available for purchase. We'll have refreshments after the presentation.

WHATCOM LODGE IS CAMPING, AGAIN !!!

On July 27-30 we will be visiting the Masonic Family Campground in Granite Falls. We will have a clubhouse and ten sites for our exclusive use; each site will have water and power only. A disposal station is available as you leave the park.

Maximum cost per nite is \$33.00, but could be less depending on how many campsites we finally confirm. Any type of camping equipment is welcome; tents, trailers, RVs – whatever! ***This event is open to members of Whatcom Lodge, any other lodge in our district and any other Masonic youth group meeting at Maplewood.***

Plan now to attend this wonderful activity; this will be our third year and those who have attended before will tell you it was a blast!!

I must have your confirmation NO LATER THAN JUNE 15 in order to hold a campsite for you and your family. A check for \$33.00 will reserve a spot; actual campsite assignments will be made upon arrival and will depend upon the size and nature of your equipment.

DON'T WAIT – SEVERAL OF THE SITES ARE ALREADY SPOKEN FOR, BUT WE CAN GET MORE IF NEEDED !!

Questions?? Call Ted Schuman at (818) 425-1611
Want to mail your check? Send it to:
Ted Schuman, 3313 Heights Drive,
Bellingham, WA 98226
Please make your check for \$33.00
payable to: Ted Schuman

WHATCOM LODGE GOES TO THE MOVIES!!

On March 19 members and their families are invited to participate
In Whatcom Lodge's first **"MOVIE NITE!"**

The plan is to attend the movie of your choice at the Barkley Regal Multiplex (16 theatres to choose from) on Sunday afternoon March 19, probably around 1:30 – 2:00 starting times – **you choose**. We will have specific movie titles and start times by Wed., March 15 – if you are interested check with Ted Schuman via his cell phone (818) 425-1611 or
hear full details at lodge on March 16.

THEN

We all join up for a no-host dinner at Bob's Burger's and Brew in Barkley Village – we have reservations for 5:30-6:00 in their back room.

Bring your wife, girl friend, children, or PROSPECTIVE MEMBER
– whatever suits you!

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND DINNER (YOU COULD DO DINNER ONLY) PLEASE RSVP TO TED SCHUMAN NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, MAR. 17 so we can give the restaurant a firm count.

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN !!

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
29	30	31	1 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	2 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm. <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	4
5	6 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 - 7:30	7 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	8 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	9 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	10 BB # 44 A Valentine Dinner RSVP to Sec'y Russ, see BB #44 page 2 for details	11
12 Lynden Int #56 hosts it's annual Win- dows lunch see page 2.	13 F # 264 - 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	14 Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	16 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	17 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p. Book presentation open to public, see page 2. (SRH)	18
19	20 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC) <i>President's day</i>	21 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	22 Chuckanut Chap- ter DeMolay 7:30 pm	23 L # 56 special meeting 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	24	25 Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm
26	27 F # 264 - 7:30 p	28 Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM	1	2	3	4

Widows & Orphans Fund for District No. 10

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

at

WB Jesse Petersen at 360- **319-5556**,

or you may contact your Lodge Secretary
or your Worshipful Master.

Fraternally,
President, **Jesse Petersen** - Vice President



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