



Letters from District No. 10

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Whatcom Lodge Report

December: Whatcom Lodge closed the year of 2018 with two Master Mason Degrees. At our Dec 6th Special Bro. Rodney Lonquist was Raised and Bro Dave Lemon was Raised at our Dec 20th Stated Communication. Both of these Brothers have worked hard to complete their Proficiencies and we are happy to add them to our MM Rollcall.

Petitions: Whatcom Lodge received the final petition for the Degrees of Masonry for the 2018 year and read it at the Dec. 20th Stated meeting.

January: The new year arrived right on time and we went to work on the third day of the New Year. Back at our Nov 15th 2018 Stated we balloted on 3 Petitions for the Degrees, all were approved.

Special communication: On Jan. 3rd 2019 the Lodge conferred a triple EA Degrees. To make a good first impression the Lodge conferred separate *Obligations* on each candidate and then brought them together to receive the *Master's Lecture* and the *Charge*. The new EA Brothers are: Randy Benson, Jeff Roskelley and Bill Kappel. They are very excited to get started on their respective journey's.

Stated communication: Our Stated meeting took place on Jan. 17th and it was a very busy meeting. Over the past several years there has been discussion about the long-term viability of staying in the building we co-own with a couple of other Masonic groups. In past years we were victims of graffiti but at our January 3rd Special, three of our members had tires slashed on their vehicles. There have been occasions when hypodermic needles have been found on the lawn and persons observed "shooting-up" in our parking lot.. After much discussion a committee was appointed (*Paul Brainard Chair, Jerry Hill, Jesse Petersen, Don Higerson & Jim Nail*) to investigate security options & discuss other possibilities to include moving across town to the Scottish Rite Hall. If this topic is of interest to you, you might wish to attend meetings to give your input and learn what information is developed. A preliminary report is set for the Feb. 7th Special.

Petition: The Petition for the Degrees of Masonry from Mr. Kristian Nason was reported on and the committee gave a *Full & Favorable* report. A ballot was held and the result was *Fair, Clear & Bright*.

Degree: The EA Degree for Mr. Nason is set for Thursday, February 21st.

Robbi Burns Night: Six members of Whatcom Lodge (*Ken Peck, John Brown, Jerry Hill, Jesse Petersen, Terrell Goertz and John Browne*) made the trek up to Prince David Lodge in Maple Ridge for their annual Robbi Burns Night.. Of course we had loads of fun, most of us ate haggis and all of us enjoyed Athol Broze. A big thanks goes to our DDGM Jesse Petersen whose wonderful wife Jill lent him her van to transport us. Each trip north is always an adventure in Masonic fun.

Next Communications: Our next Spl is on Thursday February 7th and our next Stated is on Thursday, February 21st. Prior to both meetings dinner will be at 5:30 pm with Lodge to open 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

Feb 1st Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Feb 14th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge
56 - 7 pm

Feb 17th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at
5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Up-coming Events

February

Official Visit DDGM.... Whatcom Lodge hosts the Official Visit of the DDGM. Dinner is at 5:30 pm and Lodge opens at 6:30 PM.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, Feb 18th. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon.

Widows & Orphans... Luncheon hosted by Lynden-Ferndale Int. 56 is set for February 17th at 2:30 pm. The venue will be the Raspberry Ridge Golf Club restaurant. See details on page 3

EA Degree..... Whatcom 151 plans to confer an EA Degree on 2/21/19. Dinner is at 5:30 and Lodge opens 6:30

March

District Ten Meeting.... is now scheduled for Friday March 1st. Dinner is at 6:30 pm. This event will be held at the Scottish Rite Hall on State Street.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, March 19th. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon.

April

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, April 16th. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon.

Feast of St. John the Evangelist

The annual celebration of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist by Whatcom Lodge was it's most successful yet by attendance. There were 28 on hand for the celebration representing 3 Lodges and at least 1 Masonic Youth Group.

VW Terrell Goertz read a wonderful piece covering the association of both the Saints John and their history within Freemasonry.

The celebration was again held at Giuseppe's Al Porto Ristorante. The food was outstanding and the decorations for the Holiday Season still up which made the dinning atmosphere very pleasant.

College Scholarships Sponsored by Masonic Organizations in Whatcom County and the State

By Ken Gass

Here's my annual appeal to support AND make good use of college scholarship programs sponsored by Masonic organizations in Washington state. Do you have children or grandchildren, or know of teens and young adults, who are high school juniors, seniors or graduates planning on getting post-secondary degrees and in need of financial assistance? Several scholarship programs sponsored by Masonic organizations in this Grand Jurisdiction are easy to access and under-used and four offer scholarships only for students with Masonic affiliation. Deadlines vary so get the word out now!

In Whatcom County there are three separate programs:

Bellingham Bay #44 offers two Pierre B. Cornwall scholarships of \$250 each annually to a male and a female with a Whatcom County Masonic spouse, parent or grandparent or who are themselves members of a Whatcom County Lodge or Masonic youth organization, with no stipulation as to age of recipient, only that he or she be a high school graduate and use the funds for post-secondary education. Email Greg Cory, noblegregory@comcast.net, or Rick Kiene, rickkiene@comcast.net, for an application.

Lynden Ferndale International Lodge #56 awards \$1,000 scholarships for one year to one senior each at Blaine, Ferndale, Lynden, Meridian, and Nooksack Valley High Schools. Applications are made available by the school counselors.

The Masonic Education Council of Whatcom County, MEC, has a online application for its scholarships offered to juniors at all public high schools in Whatcom County, available at www.WhatcomMEC.org. Check it out! The awards are for one year, as sophomores, \$1,500 to the top boy and girl overall and \$600 to the top boy or girl from each of the other schools. **Application deadline is March 14.**

The Eastern Star, www.washingtonoes.org, and the ***Order of Amaranth***, www.amaranthwa.org, both offer \$1,000 scholarships for multiple years to children and grandchildren of Masons or members of their order, as well as members of Masonic youth organizations.

The WA Grand Lodge scholarships are administered by WA Masonic Charities through the common web portal for all scholarships offered by organizations in this state, www.washboard.org. Three kinds of scholarships are awarded to high school seniors living in Washington State: one Masonic legacy of \$4,500, for a child or grandchild of a Mason; one to a member of each of the three Masonic youth organizations of \$1,000; and one each to a boy and a girl planning to attend a 4-year, 2-year college, or a 2-year Vocational-Technical School of \$4,500. All the scholarship awards are heavily weighted on financial need. For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation:

go to www.wa-masoniccharities.org. **Application deadline is February 28.**

Lastly, the most generous awards are made by the Scottish Rite Scholarship Foundation of Washington, totaling nearly half a million dollars last year. These are scholarships of \$3,000 each year for juniors and seniors attending colleges in Washington State and \$6,000 for fellowships. More information about applications is available at www.srsfwa.org. Students from Whatcom County are particularly sought after!

The MEC is 100% local and your tax-deductible donations go 100% to the scholarships and award program, to be held at the W. Maplewood Bellingham Masonic Center at 7:30 PM on April 25. Volunteers are needed to judge applications on Saturday, March 23 and at the awards on April 25. Contributions may be sent to MEC, 1101 N. State St., Ste. 103, Bellingham, 98225. To volunteer contact Ken Gass, MEC President, kgass@gmail.com or 360-671-1993.



The roll of the workmen has been called and another has not answered to his name. It is with a deep sadness that I report the passing of W Brother Darrel Womack to that Celestial Lodge not made with hands. His toils here have ceased, but his memory is not forgotten.

W Brother Darrel was a long-time member of the Grand Lodge Photography Committee and a member of both Alki Lodge No. 152 and St. John's Lodge No. 9. A memorial service to honor W Br. Darrel will be held at Alki Masonic Center at 4 pm on Saturday January 26, 2019.

Please keep his wife and family in your thoughts and prayers

Fraternally,
Clinton M. Brown, Jr. Grand Secretary, GLoF WA
Grandsecretary@freemason-wa.com (253)625-7891

Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

Feb 14th Stated Meeting 7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

EA DEGREE

Congratulations goes to our new EA Bro. William Jefferson Ragans Jr. His degree was conferred on Thurs., Dec. 13th, at our Stated Communication, His degree was very ably conferred by VWB Winton Smith and WB Kurt Gazow. The Apron Lecture was done to perfection by WB Everett Thompson. The Working Tools was handled by Entered Apprentice Joel Robinson.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS LUNCHEON

In February, once again the Lodge will honor our widows and widowers at a luncheon under the leadership and direction of WB Glenn Boodey. This event will be on Sunday, February 17th at 2:30 pm. The venue will be the Raspberry Ridge Golf Club restaurant. Please join us in honoring our widows and widowers.

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER

It is not too early to mention Spring Hands Across the Border. This event, on Thursday, April 11, 2019, honors RWB Douglas Franklin, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of British Columbia & Yukon, and RWB Charles Wood, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Washington, at a banquet followed by a tiled meeting. Please put this date on your calendar and assist us in honoring this two distinguished Masons.

WB Dick Decima,
Secretary...Ph. 392-0145 [_rhdecima@aol.com](mailto:rhdecima@aol.com).

“But The Greatest Of These Is Charity”

Brethren as 2019 is now upon us you may be thinking about how you will allocate your charitable giving for the year. We are all seemingly inundated with requests for donations to a multitude of creditable charities. Many of you were welcomed into the Lodge as Fellowcraft Masons on the circumambulation which ends with “And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.”

Given that Charity is an important tenant of Freemasonry I hope you will allocate a portion of your charitable giving to programs supported by Freemasonry. Grand Lodge has its Charities program that allocates funding through out our Grand Jurisdiction and is worthy of consideration. Locally you have the opportunity to donate to the Masonic Education Council (MEC) which allocates scholarships to students of the public high schools of Whatcom County only.

The MEC is a 501 (C) (3) Corporation that meets the IRS requirements for tax deduction. Donations to MEC can be sent to MEC, 1101 N State St. Ste. 103, Bellingham, WA 98225. I hope you will considerate a contribution to support our local program and attend the annual program when the scholarships are presented on Thursday April 25, 2019 at 7:00 at the Masonic hall at 2626 West Maplewood, Bellingham.

Gary Pitcher
MEC Secretary, Treasurer

Most people are searching for happiness outside of themselves. That's a fundamental mistake. Happiness is something you are, and it comes from the way you think.

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

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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm. | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 - 7:30 | 5 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p | 6 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm | 7 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm. EA Degree | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Bellingham Coun- cil No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC) | 12 Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm | 13 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm | 14 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC) <i>Valentine's Day</i> | 15 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p. | 16 |
| 17 The Widows and Orphans Luncheon see page 3 for details | 18 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. <i>Washington's Birthday & President's Day</i> | 19 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) | 20 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm | 21 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm. | 22 | 23 Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm |
| 24 | 25 F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC) | 26 Bellingham Tem- ple Association meet- ing 7:30 PM | 27 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm | 28 Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC) | 1 | 2 |

**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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