



# Letters from District No. 10

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### District Ten Meeting Report

The 2007 District Ten Meeting was held on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Bellingham Masonic Center. To say that it was well attended would be an understatement. After consulting the check-in sheet the number of attendees appears to have been 113, plus 7 Job's Daughters and 6 adult helpers. I apologize if I missed anyone in the count.

The dinner of salmon or prime rib was excellent and no one went away hungry, at least to my knowledge. A dessert auction was held by Job's Daughters. There was a very nice and interesting selection of desserts available. Table #3 was the bidding winner and they chose a bunt cake with truffles. The Daughters were able to raise \$751.99 in the auction. They also sold tickets to raffle off a quilt, bringing in another \$18. No sooner than having raised \$769.99, the Daughters then donated \$350, off the top, to the Grand Master's charity, Toys for Tots. By the way, so many brother's and sisters brought toys that the GM's toy box, he brought to collect the toys, was overflowing.

The meeting followed this very fine dinner. We were treated to entertainment by Brother Dave Nelson and his Lady Pat Nelson, who performed several holiday songs. VW Jim Brady conducted the introduction of the Grand Lodge Team members in attendance and moved swiftly into the business of the meeting.

**Whatcom Lodge Awards:** VWB's Glenn Hutchings and John Browne presented the HM Terpenning Educational Scholarship Awards, with the assistance of GM Wayne Smith, to: Bro. Zack Carter, \$300; Bro. John Ashley, \$300 and Miss Justine Myers, \$500, whose paternal grandfather is Bro. Frank Myers.

Two Whatcom brothers were presented longevity pins by GM Wayne Smith: WB Ted L. King, a 60 year pin and WB Bernard Dow, a 65 year pin. They were accorded the PGHs.

**Fairhaven Lodge Award:** VWB Jim Brady presented a Hiram Award to Bro. Dave Nelson for his steady service to the lodge and to other lodges in the District.

**Grand Master's Youth Service Award:** VW Jim Brady had Mrs. Debbie Morse - Guardian of Bethel No. 25 Job's Daughters brought to the East where she was presented, by GM Wayne Smith, the Grand Master's Youth Service Award for her work with Bethel No. 25.

**Pillars of Progress Awards** were presented by RW Santy Lascano (JGW) to:

Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44	Technology
Lynden Lodge No. 56	Fraternalism
Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105	Family Involvement
Whatcom Lodge No. 151	Cooperation with Concordant Bodies
San Juan Lodge No. 175	Community Involvement

**Grand Masters Achievement Award** was presented to VW John F. Browne for his work producing the District Ten Newsletter for the benefit of district's lodges and for the concordant bodies who wish to participate.

**Gift to the Grand Master:** MW Wayne I. Smith was presented with an alarm device to alert him to the daily rising of the Sun in the East, which opens and governs the day, so that he can rise to dispense good and wholesome instruction for the benefit of Masons in the jurisdiction of Washington State. But this was not just any alarm system it was a tried and true method used from time in memoria, it was an organic alarm clock in the guise of an 8 month old Bantam Rooster by the name of Lil' Ricky. VW Jim Brady wishes to acknowledge the valuable assistance of Bro. Rick Waites and his Lady Gerilynn Waites in procuring Lil' Ricky.

VW Jim,

An absolutely great District 10 meeting and dinner. I truly enjoyed everything. You did a great job setting up and coordinating the entire affair. The members of District 10 and Job's Daughters made very generous donations in cash and checks to Toys for Tots plus the table was overflowing with toys for this great charity.

Thank you so very much for locating a "home" for my rooster. Do I need appointments to come and visit?

Again, thank you VW Jim and to all of the Masons, ladies and youth of District 10.

Fraternally, Wayne Smith \ Grand Master

### Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> San Juan Lodge - 7:30 p

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Lynden Lodge - 7:30 p

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7:30 p

Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Fairhaven Lodge - 7:30

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Ferndale Lodge - *Dark*

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Kulshan Int. Lodge - 7:30

Jan 16<sup>th</sup> Nooksack Valley Ldg - *Dark*

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

### Dues and Timely Notice

Brothers, for those who have not yet sent theirs in, **Blue Lodge Dues** were due by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007. However, I think it safe to say that your lodge secretary will still be pleased to receive your dues payment so you can get your 2008 dues card. Please be good to your lodge secretary, he needs to get the dues so I'm doing the nagging for us all - Thanks.

John Browne

Secretary/Treasurer - Whatcom Lodge 151



### KING'S QUOTE'S

The incompetent,  
with nothing to do  
can still  
make a mess of it.

~ Laurence J. Peter  
(1919 - 1990)

## Lynden Lodge on the move

Worshipful Master Decima will sound the gavel on Lynden Lodge calendar for December 2007

- Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting - JGW Candidate will speak 7:30 PM  
 Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> Special - Official visit to Whatcom Lodge #151 6:30 PM  
 (BMC on W. Maplewood — *RSVP* for dinner at 5:30 PM)  
 Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> Attend B'ham B #44 Installation of Officers TBA  
 (SRH on State Street in Bellingham)  
 Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> MFLA Meeting hosted by Whatcom Lodge #151 10 AM

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

### LYNDEN LODGE 3rd DEGREES

By the time this issue of the Newsletter goes to press Lynden Lodge will have passed Bro. Jerry Mason and Bro. Travis Graddon to the Fellowcraft degree of Masonry on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

They will be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The conferral will begin at 11:00 AM. There will be a break for lunch provided by Lynden Lodge.

Please mark your calendars and plan to be with us for these conferrals. Lynden Lodge is very appreciative of the support it receives from the other lodges in District No. Ten.

### LYNDEN LODGE FUND-RAISER RUMMAGE SALE

The dates have been set for the Lynden Lodge Fund-Raiser Rummage Sale. It will be on Friday and Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM at the Ferndale Masonic Center.

This sale supports our Scholarship Program and Lynden Lodge needs the help of every Mason in District No. Ten. We need items to sell. You don't have to have a truckload of items to help us. Even one or two items will be very helpful. Remember that "one man's junk is another man's treasure." Everybody has something that they don't need. Get rid of your unused items and it will help fund a scholarship for some deserving young person.

Please call **392-0145** and let us know that you have something to be picked up.

### CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN TO SPEAK AT LYNDEN LODGE

On Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 7:30 PM at our regularly stated communication, VWB John R. Sleeth, candidate for Grand Junior Warden, will give a brief talk on his vision of how Masonry should proceed in this jurisdiction and how he will further and support our great fraternity when elected.

Bro. John currently is the Grand Musician and has a long list of impressive Masonic credentials including serving as the Master of Lynden Lodge #56 six times.

Our Grand Master, MWB Wayne I. Smith, has urged Lodges to meet with candidates for this office as the winner most probably will be the Grand Master in a few short years.

Brethren of all District #10 lodges are invited to come to visit Lynden Lodge that evening to listen to what Bro. John has to say. It's important. Please come!

WM Dick Decima  
 Lynden Lodge No. 56



### Whatcom Lodge News

WM Glenn conducted a swift stated meeting on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 with 11 members and 1 visitor present. A Petition for the Degrees of Masonry was read and an investigation committee was appointed. It is hoped that we will hold an EA Degree at our next stated meeting, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. There being a 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday in January, we tentatively plan to hold a Third Degree on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

After the meeting WM Hutchings MC'd a small Christmas Party featuring presents and a rousing dice game in which gifts were lost and occasionally regained. Everyone had a good time.

Whatcom Lodge is hosting the Sat. Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> MFLA meeting at the BMC on W. Maplewood, it begins at 10 AM. The officers of Whatcom Lodge hope to lots of Whatcom faces in attendance, please support your lodges' efforts.

### NW Shrine Club

Happy New Year all. Nobles, Ladies & Guests, you are cordially invited to the open Installation of Officers of the Northwest Shrine Club on Friday January 25, 2008. This event will take place at the Masonic Hall at 2626 W. Maplewood Ave.

There will be a Social Hour from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and Installation will be at 8:00 p.m. When making your reservations you need to choose which entree you would like: Prime Rib (10 oz) or Lemon-Herb Salmon. Please call Noble Ron Fine for reservations or E-mail me at [RonFine2@aol.com](mailto:RonFine2@aol.com). DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY JANUARY 18, 2008.

Noble John Shorthill, President-elect is looking forward to his year as our President. He has several new ideas that he wants to try. One of his ideas is having a web page, which he will take care of and this will help promote us.

ILL. Sir Richard Kovak and his Lady Carol, plus the Divan will be in attendance for the Installation. So come on out meet our new Potentate & his Lady, plus our new Officers for the 2008 year. Remember to keep our Nobles & Ladies who are ill in your prayers; also our troops who are keeping us free and safe.

From my family to yours may you all have a Happy New Year.

*Yours in Faith*  
 Ron Fine,  
 Secretary NWSC

Here is what *Bellingham Bay* has going on.

## January Schedule

**Friday Jan 4<sup>th</sup>** Stated meeting at 7:30 PM. Vote on 3 Petitions and prove up on 3 brothers on their Master Mason proficiency.

**Friday Jan 11<sup>th</sup>** Special Communication for the purpose of conferring one or more EA Degrees

**Friday January 18<sup>th</sup>** Special meeting at 7:30 PM. Annual Installation of Officers. Meeting will be open for family and friends to attend.

WM Gary Pitcher

It is difficult to produce a television documentary  
that is both incisive and probing  
when every twelve minutes  
one is interrupted by twelve dancing rabbits  
singing about toilet paper.  
~ Rod Serling

## 120<sup>th</sup> Installation of Officers for Bethel No. 25

On Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Bethel No. 25, International Order of Job's Daughters installed its officers for the 1st term of 2008. The Mistress of Ceremonies and Narrator was Mrs. Betty Bynon and the Installing Officer was Janell Murry, the out-going Honored Queen. The installation was beautifully run, the decorations were delightful and the sidelines were full.

The Officers for the new term are:

Honored Queen	Sarah Kronewitter
Senior Princess	Kat Finch
Junior Princess	Marissa Morse
Guide	Janell Murry
Marshal	Sara Rothenbuhler
Chaplain	Jamaica Muhammad
Treasurer	Holly Carpenter
Recorder	Mychal Smith
Librarian	Kristen White
1st Messenger	Clair Bynon
2nd Messenger	Marlee Fraser
4th Messenger	Rachael Nielson
5th Messenger	Amy Brady
Inner Guard	Valerie Battell
Choir	Courtney Scheffler

VW James F. Brady made a presentation of the Grand Master's coin to Janell Murry (PHQ) in recognition of the outstanding leadership she displayed during her term. He also extended his best wishes to HQ Sarah Kronewitter as she begins her term of office. The ceremony was followed by a very nice buffet meal.

Our fundamental task as human beings  
is to seek out connections -  
to exercise our imaginations. It follows then,  
that the basic task of education is  
the care and feeding of the imagination.

~ Katherine Paterson Author of *Bridge to Terabithia*

## MASONIC FAMILY LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION

The focus of the MFLA in 2008 will be to emphasize "Back to Blue Lodge Essentials" while continuing with the task of coordination with Masonic Family Organizations.

Most Masons would agree that there should be a central group which coordinates meetings, events and activities to avoid conflicts in dates and times. The MFLA will do that and more.

The MFLA will conduct workshops sanctioned by Grand Lodge on subjects and topics that are of interest to Masons in District #10. It will conduct sessions to assist Lodges in improving their ritual work. There will be special programs that are interesting and brief.

In the past and as a general statement, the MFLA has not been well-supported by the Lodges in District #10. Attendance at monthly meetings is typically 11 or 12 Masons out of roughly 400 Masons in the District, considering the effect of plural members. This is NOT the way Masons work!

Each Worshipful Master will be requested to designate a specific individual to attend MFLA meetings and report back to their Lodge at their stated communication. In addition, no less than the three principal officers of each Lodge should attend these important meetings. Other Lodge members, particularly those new to the Craft, should be encouraged to attend.

Host Lodges will be requested to provide not only the refreshments for the meeting but, more importantly, a large number of their own members.

The monthly MFLA meetings will be interesting, focused, kept "on track" and short. It will be time well spent. They will be well publicized. Forget the past and look to the future. Give MFLA another chance. You won't regret it!

So, we'll see you at our next meeting, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Bellingham Masonic center on W. Maplewood, at 10 AM - Whatcom Lodge will be hosting.

Fraternally, Dick Decima  
President of MFLA

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
		<b>1</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	<b>2</b> SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC) V-Bellingham Scottish Rite: D-6:30; M_7:30 (SRH)	<b>3</b> L # 56 stated 7:30 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7 p. (BMC)	<b>4</b> BB # 44 stated 7:30 p (SRH)	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 at din 6:30, meet 7:30 p. (BMC) F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>8</b> F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	<b>9</b> V-Bellingham Scottish Rite: <i>No Meet- ing</i>	<b>10</b> Bethel # 25 JDI 7 p. (BMC)	<b>11</b> BB #44 spl. One or more EA Degrees.	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> F # 264—Dark Bellingham Council No.16 R&S at (BMC) din 6:30, meet 7:30 p.	<b>15</b> KI # 186-stated 7:30 p. ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Brd Meeting	<b>16</b> NV # 105 Dark V-Bellingham Scottish Rite: Stated M_7:30 (SRH)	<b>17</b> W 151-stated dinner 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm, we may have an EA Degree L # 56 spl., 7:30 p	<b>18</b> BB 44 Spl. 7:30 p. (SRH)	<b>19</b> MFLA 10 am hosted by W151 Chuckanut Chap- ter DeMolay 7 p. (BMC)
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Bellingham Chap Royal Arch (din 6:30, meet 7:30 (BMC) F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>22</b> F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC)	<b>23</b> V-Bellingham Scottish Rite: Brd of Dir 5 p; Dinner-6:30 p; Exc. Brd. 7:15 pm. (SRH)	<b>24</b> W 151 - Spl Com 6: p Proficiency Study Maplewood TB 7:30 p. (BMC)	<b>25</b> NWSC - Instal- lation of Officers, see article on page 2..	<b>26</b> Bethel #25 JDI 7 p. (BMC)
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> V-Bellingham Scottish Rite: Kadosh Dinner (SRH)	<b>31</b> W 151 plans to hold a MM Degree		

Attempting to debate with a person who has abandoned reason is like giving medicine to the dead. ~ *Thomas Paine*

### When is a Man Educated?

“When he can look out upon the universe, now lucid and lovely, now dark and terrible, with a sense of his own littleness in the great scheme of things, and yet have faith and courage. When he knows how to make friends and keep them, and above all, when he can keep friend with himself.

When he can be happy alone and high-minded amid the drudgeries of life. When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something beside mud, and into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something divine.

When he knows how to live, how to love, how to hope, how to pray—is glad to live... and has in his heart a bit of a song.

Bro. Joseph Fort Newton:  
as found on a Celestial Seasonings Tea box.

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