



# Letters from District No. 10

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## *A Happy New Year to All!*

### **Whatcom Lodge Report**

**Special Communication:** Our Thurs. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was attended by 13 Whatcom Brothers and 7 visitors from our sister Lodge, Prince David No. 101. The purpose of this Special Communication was to hold our Annual Trowel Exchange and enjoy fraternal friendship.

**Trowel Exchange:** The ceremony was actually done just prior to the Opening of Lodge. Prince David WM John Meunier and his entourage met WM Paul Brainard West of the Altar and the exchange was made. WB John Meunier gave a brief history of the event, which began in 1955, and he expressed his hope that it would continue on for years.

**Presentation:** To entertain our Prince David Brothers we put on the *Middle Chamber Lecture*. The team of WM Paul Brainard and JW Ken split the *MC Lecture* and WB John Brown gave the "G" *Lecture* and the *Charge*. The performance was

**Stated Communication:** The Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Sated meeting was attended by 20 Whatcom Brothers. The purpose for this stated meeting was the usual business of the lodge and to confer the FC Degree on Bro. Bruce Smith.

**Degree:** The degree was again conferred by JW Craig Bruner and WB Thom Baughn was SD for the *First Section*. The *MC Lecture* was give by WB Paul Brainard and JW Ken Peck. VW Don Higgerson presented the *Working Tools* and WB John Brown gave the "G" *Lecture* and *Charge*. After the degree Bro. Smith was congratulated at the Altar.

**Web news:** JW Ken Peck is our new Web Master & he has already made some changes to our web page. Bro. Sam El-Khoury will continue on our web-team as the back-up and he has assisted Ken in the transference of data. The address is still: [www.WhatcomMasonicLodge.org](http://www.WhatcomMasonicLodge.org). There will be a members only section which will require a password, which can be obtained from JW Ken Peck. The members page will have contact information from members who authorize it and pertinent Lodge information, such as our Lodge By-Laws will be available there. Visit the site and if you have suggestions or comments direct them Bro. Ken, we want the page to meet the needs of our Lodge.

**Sickness & relief:** It was reported that WB Ted Schuman is recovering well after his knee surgery.

**Next Special Communication:** is on Jan. the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Stated Communication:** will be on Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. For both meetings Dinner is at 5:30 pm and Lodge opens 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**

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

**Jan 9<sup>th</sup>** Ferndale Lodge - **Dark**

**Jan 12<sup>th</sup>** Lynden Int. Lodge - 7 pm

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>** Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

### **Up-coming Events**

**"District Ten Meeting"** Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. **Location:** Bellingham Masonic Center at 2626 W. Maplewood Av. Bellingham. The Meeting begins at 6:30 pm and dinner is \$15 per person. Contact DoFGM VW Terrell Goertz: 752-0763 hm ph. or [email: tvgoertz@msn.com](mailto:tvgoertz@msn.com)

**Installation of Officers** for the NWSC will be on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Book Presentation**...hosted at Bellingham Bay #44. - Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. 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. 12<sup>th</sup>. WB Glen Boodey is the event chairman.

**Grand Officers Reception**...hosted by Evergreen Assembly #17 on Sat. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

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

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

**Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>** Extra Special: Bellingham Bay will hold a special BUDGET meeting at 6:30 in the dining room. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. No dinner, no tiled meeting, just budget talk.

**Friday January 6<sup>th</sup>** Stated: OV. We will cover the Lodge calendar, up-coming Masonic Leadership Conference, a possible Sweetheart's Dinner in February, and a practice EA Degree in March. Good & wholesome education, and fresh jokes.

**Friday January 20<sup>th</sup>** Special: District meeting at Maplewood. 6:30 dinner, \$15. GM Mendoza to shed light and energy

Arne Hanson  
WM Bellingham Bay #44



### Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Special Meeting	7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren and All:

#### Official Visit by the District Deputy

On December 8<sup>th</sup> VWB Terrell Goertz, Deputy of the Grand Master for District 10, made his Official Visit to Lynden International Lodge No. 56. We felt that, in general, he was pleased with his visit. He was accorded the private grand honors

#### Annual luncheon honoring our widows

Plans are coming together for our annual luncheon honoring our widows (and widowers) on February 12<sup>th</sup> which is the second Sunday in February and the traditional date for this event.. Once again WB Glenn Boody is chairing this important luncheon. The time and venue will be confirmed in the next issue of this newsletter.

#### Spring 2017 Hands Across the Border

Please save April 13, 2017 on your calendar. On that date 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 Schoeban, 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](mailto:rhdecima@aol.com)

### ***Royal Arch***

Monday, 16 January, Bellingham Bay Chapter, Royal Arch Masons will be starting another class for membership with the conferral of the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees.

Any Master Mason wanting to become a Royal Arch Mason, contact any member of the Royal Arch and we will make it happen. Initiation is \$40 and dues are \$15 yearly. Fraternaly,  
Thom Baughn

### **Ferndale Lodge No. 264**

Brethren, Ferndale Lodge is Dark in January but that does not mean our Brothers will not be active. You may see us as visitors to your Lodge and I hope several of us will attend the District Ten Meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Several of the elected officers, active members and I will be meeting to discuss our Lodge's future direction and strategize on how best to reach our goals. It is clear that we must not keep going as in the past. The work will be hard but we think it will be worth the effort.

Ferndale Lodge look's forward to returning to light on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Visitors are most welcome!

WB *Landon Estes*, WM Ferndale Lodge

#### **Invictus**

Out of the night that covers me,  
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever gods may be  
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance  
I have not winced nor cried aloud.  
Under the bludgeonings of chance  
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears  
Looms but the Horror of the shade,  
And yet the menace of the years  
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,  
How charged with punishments the scroll,  
I am the master of my fate:  
I am the captain of my soul.

By *William Ernest Henley* - 1875

## Evergreen News:

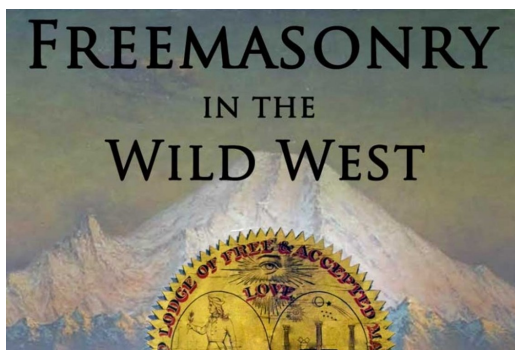
Evergreen kicked off December with an initiation on December 10<sup>th</sup>. We welcomed 4 new members!!!! This brings our active roster up to 17! Evergreen #17 has 17 members!!

We will hold two regular meetings in January, the 12<sup>th</sup> will be our election of officers for the next term and the 26<sup>th</sup> will be a step up meeting where the new core of line officers will "step up" into their new roles for opening! Then on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm Kim Fine will be installed as Worthy Advisor in an Open Installation of officers! We would love to see all of you there!

February will bring a stated meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> with a Valentines theme and our Grand Officers reception is being held on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Maplewood. We will be honoring Taylor Beal Grand Worthy Associate Advisor and Regan Beal Grand Nature.

We would like to thank all of you for all your love and support you have given us! It truly means the world to the girls and to me!! Here's to an amazing 2017!!

Renaë Cory *Mother Advisor*, Evergreen #17



The public is invited to a presentation from the newly published book *Freemasonry in the Wild West* by its author Brother Kyle Grafstrom at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 1101 N. State St, Bellingham, on Friday, February 17 at 7:00 PM. The author will project historic pictures from his book. Refreshments will follow, during which copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. The interest and support of local Masons would be most especially appreciated.

Br. Kyle was Raised in Bellingham Bay Lodge #44, Bellingham, WA in 2009 while a student at Western Washington University. After graduating from Western with a master's degree in Education, he moved to the Seattle area where he now works as a special education teacher in the Kent School District. He is the newly installed Senior Warden of Verity Lodge #59, Kent, WA.

Soon after taking on the challenge of writing the book, Br. Kyle explained his motivation as, "Well I'm not trying to write the next *NY Times* best seller here. What I want to write about is something I hold near and dear to my heart. It's also one of the coolest stories you will ever hear. It's the **true** story of how Freemasonry came west on the Oregon Trail and eventually established itself in nearly every city in Washington state. Maybe that doesn't get the hair standing up on the back of your neck like it does for me, but I can assure you the story is amazing. It has all the romance, danger, drama and let's not forget heroes you would expect in a good story."

For more information contact Ken Gass at 671-1993 or go online to <https://www.facebook.com/freemasonryinwildwest/>.

## NORTHWEST SHRINE CLUB NEWS

Everyone is invited to the:

### Annual Installation of Officers

for the  
Northwest Shrine Club.

**Date:** January 27<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** at the Bellingham Masonic Center  
2626 West Maplewood Avenue.

Dinner will be Prime Rib, Potatoes, Veggies, Rolls, Salad, Dessert for only \$20 per person.

Attire is Semi-Formal.

Social hour at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Individuals to be installed are:

Noble Greg Cory, *President*.

Noble Bill Barquist, *1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*.

Noble Glen Hutchings, *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*.

Noble Gerrit Kuiken, *Secretary/Treasurer*.

Noble Skip Metzger, *Board Member*.

If you would like to attend and we hope you do, please contact Gerrit Kuiken (360-354-1677/360-296-2676) or Greg Cory at 360-734-7099 or [noblegregory@comcast.net](mailto:noblegregory@comcast.net).

The Potentate and his Divan will be present and a fun evening will be had by all.

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> <i>Kwanzaa Ends</i> <i>Hanukkah Ends</i> <i>New Years Day</i> 8 <sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas	<b>2</b> Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30  9 <sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas	<b>3</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 pm BB #44 - extra Special, Budget Mtg at 6:30 pm - light snacks 10 <sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas	<b>4</b> V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm SJ # 175 - Stated Com. 7:30 p. (FHMC) 11 <sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas	<b>5</b> W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm. 12 <sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas	<b>6</b> BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm. Epiphany	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> F # 264 - Dark Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	<b>10</b> Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm	<b>11</b> Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	<b>12</b> L # 56 Stated, meeting is at 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. election of officers (BMC)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC) <i>MLK Jr. Day</i>	<b>17</b> ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	<b>18</b> SJ # 175 - Spl. 7:30 p. (FHMC) V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	<b>19</b> W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	<b>20</b> District Ten Annual Mtg. 6:30 p Dinner is \$15 per person. Contact the D of GM Terrell Goertz, see page 1	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> F # 264 - Dark	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	<b>26</b> L # 56 special meeting 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. "Step-Up Night" (BMC)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm
<b>29</b> Evergreen #17, Open Inst. of Officers at 3 pm.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

**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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