



Letters from District No. 10

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Happy New Year 2018

Whatcom Lodge Report

Special Communication: Our Thurs. December 7th meeting was attended by 16 Whatcom Brothers.

WM presents: WM Craig discussed the use of the 24-inch gauge as a philosophy for life. He also indicated his desire to visit Prince David lodge across the border to celebrate Robby Burns night (date TBD). He also wants to schedule a return trip to the Canadian lodge whose gavel we have in custody.

Memorial service: Ted announced Feb. 3 @ 1:00 p.m. as the time for Bill Hall's memorial at the First Congregational Church of Bellingham.

Sickness & relief: Ted also reported on the "hours-old" slicing open of Country John to repair a hernia - good attitude, but a little early to see what hurts just yet. Bros. Craig and Bruce Smith reported on Frank Meyers' status in the hospital (good shape considering his recent stroke) and pending therapies. It is hoped that he will go home on Dec. 16th and continue therapy thereafter until he is his jolly self again.

Stated Communication: The December 21st Sated meeting was attended by 20 Whatcom Brothers and 1 visitor, WB Hank Qualey of Alpha Lodge 212 in Marysville WA.

Masonic Presentation: WM Bruner invited WB Hank Qualey to the East for a Masonic Presentation. He then had SD Terrell Goertz escort WB Ted Schuman where he was presented with a Lewis Jewel, WB Ted's father was also a Master Mason. WB Qualey explained and demonstrated what a Lewis jewel was and how it works.

Petition for the Degrees: The petition for the Degrees of Masonry, from Mr. Rodney Lonquist was acted on. The Investigation Report was Full and Favorable and the resulting bollot was Fair, Clear and Bright.

Degree: The EA Degree for Mr. Rodney Lonquist was set for our January 4th Special Communication; to be conferred by SW Ken Peck.

Masonic education: SW Ken Peck gave a AV report on the New Candidate's Educational Program. It was excellent.

Next Special Communication: is on January the 4th. The next Stated Communication will be on Thursday, January 18th. 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

Dec 1st Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Dec 14th Lynden Int. Lodge - 7 pm

Dec 21st Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Up-coming Events

District Ten Meeting.... will be hosted at the Bellingham Masonic Center on Saturday morning January 13th, 2018. **ALL Masons** and members of **ALL Concordant Bodies** are invited. It will begin at 10 am with a hearty Brunch prepared and served by the Girls of Rainbow Assembly #17. the Cost is \$15 per person, see page 2 for details. **RSVP** to VW Terrell Goertz at

email: tvgoertz@msn.com

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, Jan. 16th. 12 noon at Lee's Restaurant, at James & Alabama Streets.

Installation of Officers.... Evergreen Assembly #17 IORG will be holding their Installation of Officers on Sunday, January 21st at 2pm. It will be held at the Bellingham Masonic Center, 2626 W. Maplewood Ave. in Bellingham, WA.

Robbie Burns Night.... Members of Whatcom Lodge will be headed North again to celebrate Robbie Burns Night at Prince David Lodge 101 in Maple Ridge B.C. They will also be conferring a FC Degree after dinner. The date is Tuesday January 23. We will discuss rides at our Jan 4th and Jan 18th meetings.

WB Bill Hall Memorial.... is set for Saturday, February 3rd at 1 pm. It will be held at the First Congregational Church at 2401 Cornwall St. Bellingham, WA.

Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

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

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

It's official

On December 18th MWB Warren Schoeben, Grand Master, approved the amended By-laws changing the name of the Lodge to Lynden/Ferndale International Lodge No. 56. We now are officially one Lodge!

Upcoming EA degree

The initiation of Jonah Wilson as an Entered Apprentice Mason will be on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 1:30 pm at the Ferndale Masonic Hall. Please mark your calendar to help us welcome Jonah to the mysteries of Masonry.

Widows & Widowers Luncheon

Our annual Widows & Widowers Luncheon tentatively will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2018 in mid-afternoon at the Raspberry Ridge Golf Club restaurant. Honored guests will be widowers and widows whose husbands were members of the Lodge. Please note the change in date from the December newsletter.

Hands Across the Border - 2018 Spring

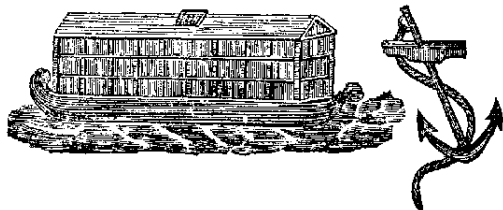
Thursday, April 12, 2018 is the date that has been selected by the Deputy Grand Masters for 2018 Spring Hands Across the Border event. We will honor RWB Barry Burch, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of British Columbia & Yukon, and RWB James Kendall, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington. The social period will begin at 5:00; dinner will be served at 5:30 and the Lodge will be tyled at 7:00. Masons are most welcome! Please put this date on your calendar.

Educational programs at Lodge meetings

For the past several meetings, W. Master Troy Luginbill has been providing short but interesting educational programs. These interactive programs are an important part of what Masonry is all about. Please join us at our next stated communication on Thursday, January 11th. The Lodge is tyled at 7:00 pm. Bring several members for an official visit. We will make you feel most welcome!

WB Dick Decima, *Secretary*

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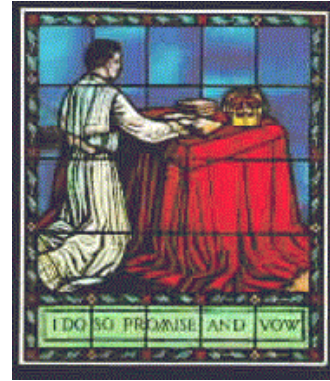


Here is what ***Bellingham Bay***

has going on.

Friday January 5th Stated:

Friday January 19th Special:



Greetings from Whatcom Lodge,

I hope 2017 found you healthy, prosperous, and fulfilled. As we step forward into the New Year I remind you all to honor the memories of those brothers we lost this year.

In 2018 Whatcom Lodge is continuing the work of Masonry, following the path set by our previous brothers and Lodges. Our dedicated officers will continue to perfect and execute their fine work with a strong desire to serve fellow Masons and the craft. We strive to never lose sight of friendship, morality, and brotherly love, while continuing to grow and have fun.

For those brothers who have not been able to attend a regular lodge meeting in recent years our desire is that you would join us on the first and third Thursday of each month. We've worked to establish consistency with our calendar regarding events, and Dinner is served at 5:30pm for any who wish to attend. We have a transportation Coordinator Brother Jerry Hill who would be happy to help if any need a ride to and from Lodge.

Our institution has become synonymous with Faith, Hope and Charity. I have faith our brother Masons will continue their good work. Hope that by exercising Masonic Charity life's many blessings will be discovered throughout 2018.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year,

WB Craig Bruner
WM Whatcom Lodge #151
[360 319 7163](tel:3603197163)

Evergreen Assembly #17 IORG

Installation of Officers

Evergreen has their installation of officers coming up on January 21st at 2pm. It will be held at the Bellingham Masonic Center, 2626 W. Maplewood Ave. in Bellingham, WA.



Help Fight Cancer with the....

Grand Worthy Advisor Taylor Beal, from our own Evergreen Assembly #17.

Hi I'm Taylor Beal. As Grand Worthy Advisor, I got to choose a service project that was very important to me for the jurisdiction to support for the year; that being the Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center.

I am seeking help from Masons in District Ten and to all those this Newsletter reaches. I request your assistance and support. I will be attending the District Ten Meeting on Saturday January 13th., see you there?

One simple way to assist is by making a donation to my charity via the internet at this address:

<https://www.gofundme.com/imagining-a-world-without-cancer>

As I continue to work with local Whatcom County Masons I'll find way for those who wish to donate via check, money gram or money order, or even cash. Stay tuned for more information!

Taylor Beal

Masonic Degree Upcoming

Whatcom Lodge is planning an Entered Apprentice Degree for Mr. Rodny Lonquist to be conferred at the Thursday, Jan 4th
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:

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District Ten Annual Meeting

Date: Saturday, January 13th

Time: Brunch is served at 10 am, cost is \$15

Per WB Thom Baughn

The breakfast will be well worth the \$15. we'll have Eggs Benedict to order, Omelets to Order, Fruits and Danish (the Irish and Scotch will have to wait til later). Belgium Waffles infused with bacon, Cinnamon Rolls. The whole deal served by the NICEST young Ladies in Whatcom County.

Anything else? OH, yes RSVP to VW Terrell Goertz:

email: tvgoertz@msn.com

After brunch we'll repair to the lodge room where some Masonic information will be shared. On hand will be MWB Warren R. Schoeben, our Grand Master and GWA Taylor Beal of the IORG for WA-ID. There will no doubt be other dignitaries present.

VW Terrell Goertz has an excellent slide presentation for a spot of entertainment.

This event is Open to all Masons and concordant Masonic Groups, but an RSVP is needed.

This is one of the few times that all Masonic Groups are invited to join together to talk about the future of Masonry as a family of organizations, please do not waste the opportunity to share your ideas.

With Fraternal greetings,

VW John Browne

Editor of Letters from District Ten

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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
31	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	3 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	4 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm. An EA Degree is planned for tonight.	5 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	6
7	8 F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	9 Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm	10 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	11 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	12 BB # 44 A	13 District Ten Mtg at 10 am. Open to all Masonic Groups. RSVP to Terrell Goertz, see pg 1 & 3
14 Lynden Int #56 hosts it's annual Windows lunch see page 2.	15 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	16 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	17 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	18 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	19 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p.	20
21	22 F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	23 Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM Robbie Burns Night at Prince David 101 see page 1	24 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	25 L # 56 special meeting 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	26	27 Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

**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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