



Letters from District No. 10

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July/August 2018

Dog days have arrived!!

Whatcom Lodge Report

Stated Communication: The June 21st Stated meeting was attended by 21 Whatcom Brothers and 2 visitors: WB Ken Gass BB#44 and WB Barry Podwin Holland Lodge #1, MWGL of TX. In addition to the regular business of the Lodge the MM Degree was conferred on Bro. Jerry Hill.

Degree: The degree was conferred by WM Craig Bruner who also played *KS* in the Drama to Ken Pecks' *KH*. Remaining cast was 1R-Larry West, 2R-Paul Brainard, 3R-Jesse Petersen; 1C-John Browne 2C-Frank Myers, 3C- Monte Thompson; *Sea/Way Man*-John Brown and *Grave Chap*-Chris Bonner. The *Master's Lecture* was presented by Glenn Hutchings and Jesse Petersen and John Brown gave the *Charge*.

Special Communications: Our Thursday, July 5th meeting was attended by 18 Whatcom Brothers. We opened on the 2nd degree and called down so that Bro. Dave Lemon could complete his EA proficiency, which he did assisted by VW Terrell Goertz

SW Ken Peck conferred the EA Degree on Bro. Lemon. SD VW Terrell Goertz escorted the candidate, the *Working Tools* were given by VW Don Higgerson. The *MC Lecture* was given by VWB Jesse Petersen and WB Chris Bonner. The *G Lecture* was given by VWB Glenn Hutchings and the *Charge* by WB John Brown.

Stated Communication: The July 19th Stated meeting was attended by 17 Whatcom Brothers and 3 visitors: Kurt Gazow of BB#44; WB Podwin and WB John Armitage of Holland Lodge #1 MWGL of TX.

Degree: SW Ken Peck conferred the EA Degree on Bro. Rodney Lonquist. SD Thom Baughn escorted the candidate, the *Working Tools* were presented by VW Don Higgerson. The *MC Lecture* was given by VWB Jesse Petersen and WB Chris Bonner. The *G Lecture* and the *Charge* were given by WB John Brown.

Election of Officers: The result of our election was as follows: WM = Ken Peck, SW = John Brown, JW Terrell Goertz, Trea.=Ted Schuman and Sec'y = John Browne. The Installation will be Open and is set for Sat. October 13th. Social at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 and ceremony to follow at 7:30 pm. Please RSVP to Sec'y John — contact info on page 4.

Next Special Communication: is on August 2nd. The next Stated Communication will be on Thursday, August 16th. 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

- Aug 3rd Bellingham Bay - dinner at 6:30; meeting at 7:30 pm.
- Aug 9th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge 7 pm.
- Aug 16th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Up-coming Events

NWSC is Dark during the Summer months.

18th Annual OES Golf Tourney ... Aug 3rd.
Registration & fees due by July 28th.

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Outdoor Third Degree.... Saturday, August 4th is the annual outdoor third degree at the Masonic Park near Granite Falls.

All Masonic Picnic.... Saturday Aug 11th at Cornwall Park. Starts at 11 am and runs to 2 pm. Author Kyle Grafstrom is the special guest speaker, on the topic of Freemasonry in the Wild West and how Masonry came to Bellingham. See page 2 for details.

Enter via the South Main Entry and head toward the horseshoe pits.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, August 20th 12 noon at the **Rusty Waggon**, on Hannegan, just north of the Pole Rd. This is an open event, perfect to bring friends interested in the Craft to chat with real live Masons in the wild.

Whatcom Open Installation... set for Sat. October 13th...soc. at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 and ceremony at 7:30 pm RSVP to Sec'y John Browne for dinner.

Hands Across the Border... set for Nov. 3rd see Lynden-Ferndale article...details.

Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

July	no Meetings per By-Laws	Dark
August 9 th	Stated Meeting	7 PM
August 23 rd	Special Meeting	7 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

Educators of the Year & Scholarships

In the June Newsletter it was reported that some of the five Educator of the Year awards and five scholarships already had been made. Over the late May and early June period, awards and scholarships have been made at meetings of the Board of School directors and at scholarship awards nights in the Blaine, Ferndale, Lynden, Meridian and Nooksack Valley School Districts. Testimonial letters and thank you notes were read in Lodge on June 28th.

Bikes for Books

Over this past school year 44 bikes and helmets have been awarded to young readers in 22 schools in the Blaine, Ferndale, Lynden, Meridian and Nooksack Valley School Districts. Over the past ten years, more than 300 bikes have been provided by the Lodge. Librarians and reading teachers have been effusive in their praise of this program. One of the side benefits of this great Grand Lodge program is that it promotes *Masonic awareness*.

Petitions

Two petitions were read at the stated communication on June 28th. W. Master Luginbill appointed the appropriate investigating committees.

Election of officers

The election of officers for the 2018/2019 fiscal year will take place at the August 9th stated communication.

Hands Across the Border - 2018 Fall

Grand Master James Kendall and Grand Master Barry Burch are now Grand Masters of their respective jurisdictions. They have selected Saturday, November 3rd, as the date for the annual Hands Across the Border gala dinner show. Wives and other guests are most welcome. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Informational Note:

TAKEN FROM GRAND LODGE Finance Committee

"The Masonic Grand Lodge of Washington is a 501(c) (10) non-profit organization. Our aim is to support the betterment of our members who actively seek to improve themselves and their communities as well as invest back into the community via charitable donations and service projects."

WB Dick Decima,
Secretary....Ph. 392-0145

Here is what ***Bellingham Bay***

has going on.

Friday August 3rd Stated Communication: Election of officers for 2018-19 Masonic Year; dinner is at 6:30 PM.

Saturday August 17th "Sailing the Marry Widow;" 2 pm to 4:30 pm in Port Orchard, hosted by John Paul Jones Lodge No. 98.

Friday August 17th Special Communication: dinner is at 6:30 PM.

Friday September 7th Stated Communication: dinner is at 6:30 PM.

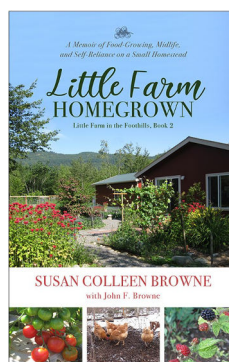
Bro. Kurt Gazow
SW of Bellingham Bay No. 44

VWB John Browne announces a new Little Farm book!

Little Farm Homegrown A Memoir of Food-Growing, Midlife, and Self-Reliance on a Small Homestead

Little Farm in the Foothills series, Book 2

By Susan Colleen Browne and John F. Browne



In this sequel to the award-winning memoir, *Little Farm in the Foothills*, *Little Farm Homegrown* follows Whatcom County homesteaders Susan and her husband John coping with the demands of their middle years while raising chickens, creating a self-sufficient lifestyle, and living closer to—and often battling—nature.

Like the first Little Farm memoir, *Little Farm Homegrown* is a warm-hearted tale for gardeners, nature-lovers, and dreamers of all ages!

Now available at all Whatcom County Library branches and Village Books in Bellingham...you can also request *Little Farm Homegrown* at your local library. You'll find the ebook at your favorite online retailer too!

For a signed copy (\$14.00), please contact John at
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This is a PAID advertisement

Whatcom Lodge - Annual Lodge BBQ

Whatcom brethren August is the month for our annual BBQ and potluck for lodge members at the Schumans (3313 Heights Dr.)

Date: Saturday, **Aug. 25**, from **12** noon to **(3)** three pm.
Anyone interested should plan to bring two chairs.

please RSVP to Ted (really to Penny) via email (tedschuman3313@gmail.com) or phone (360-392-8763).

It is important that we know what people want to bring so we can avoid too much duplication.

Thanks, Ted

To learn to subdue my passions

Behavior is the mirror
in which everyone
shows their image.



You will either experience
the pain of discipline
or the pain of regret.
The choice is yours.

You Are Invited to an...

ALL MASONIC BODIES FAMILY POTLUCK
PICNIC

Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018

From: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: CORNWALL PARK,
3424 Meridian St, Bellingham, WA

Introduce, Reacquaint, Revitalize and Have Fun!

Kyle Grafstrom, author of FREEMASONRY IN THE WILD WEST will speak on the The History of Freemasonry in the West and how it came to Bellingham

- Learn more about PB Cornwall, a great businessman, leader, developer a great Mason instrumental in bringing Freemasonry to the West.
- Help restore this Cornwall Park Masonic Picnic Tradition.
- FRIENDS WELCOME
- QUESTIONS. Call Your immediate elected Masonic Body Leader.
- Or call Craig Bruner at 360 319 7163 or Greg Cory at 360 734 7099

Using the South entrance off Cornwall Ave, proceed to the northern most small parking – turnaround area. A small covered picnic area is located north and slightly east of this area, can't miss it! (Have a lawn chair in your car in case its needed).

Scottish Rite Valley of Bellingham

On September 12th, Richard Kovak will be doing his presentation of Robert de Brus at the Bellingham Scottish Rite Hall. All Blue Lodge Brothers are invited to attend. Prior to his presentation we will be having some finger food and maybe a wee nip of Scotch to put us in the right perspective for his presentation.

Going to be looking for some RSVP's so we can have enough hors d'oeuvres. I have not seen Richard do any of his portrayals but I understand he does a fantastic job. He may bring a piper with him.

Don Higerson



Rainbow activities

July:

July 27th, 28th, and 29th is Pioneer Days. Come visit the Rainbow Girls at their booth located near the main entrance!

August:

August 9th we are having an informal meeting to get ready for Dream Camp which has a Looney Tunes theme! Come join us for some fun crafts and laughs!

August 10th, 11th, and 12th, we travel to the Masonic Park in Granite Falls for DREAM CAMP! Sunday at 11am is the First Official Visit of Grand Worthy Advisor Jenna Rees.

August 23rd we will be initiating three new members into the Assembly! The girls are working hard on their ritual work so please come and support them!

The Color Run is a huge fundraiser for the yearly service project which is Treehouse this year. It is an amazing organization that is Giving Foster Kids a Childhood and a Future. They envision – and strive to create – a world where every child that has experienced foster care has the opportunities and support they need to pursue their dreams and launch successfully into adulthood. Please ask any Rainbow Girl or Advisor how you can help be a part of the future of these kids!

Susan Fine



Whatcom Brothers

For those seeking a ride to lodge be advised that Brother Jerry Hill is our Transportation Coordinator and is there to find a ride to Lodge for those that need it.

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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
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.	3 BB # 44 - stated Dinner at 6:30 pm. Lodge opens at 7:30pm.	4 Memorial Service for WB Bill hall. <i>Drayton Harbor Days</i> (Blaine)
5 <i>Drayton Harbor Days</i> (Blaine)	6 Hesperus Commandery 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) <i>String Band Jamboree</i>	10 <i>String Band Jamboree</i>	11 <i>String Band Jamboree</i>
12	13 Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC) <i>NW Washington Fair</i> (Lynden) 8/13-8/18	14 Bethel # 25 Dark	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. Dinner at 6:30 pm. Lodge opens at 7:30pm.	18
19	20 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p.	21 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	22 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	23 L # 56 special meeting 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	24	25 Bethel #25 Dark <i>Ferndale Street Festival</i>
26 <i>Ferndale Street Festival</i>	27 F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC Hesperus Commandery No. 8 - 7:30 in lieu of Sept 3rd	28 Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM	29	30	31	1

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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WB Jesse Petersen - *Vice President*
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