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Whatcom Lodge Report

Greetings fellow Whatcom brothers.

I thought May was a productive month for our lodge, but June has been just as busy. On June 4th we held a social event and invited brothers to bring friends interested in masonry. VW Glenn Hutchings grilled-up some steaks, VW Ed Jungblom baked the potatoes and after dinner we repaired to the lodge room for a of couple programs. VW John Browne played a DVD entitled George Washington visits his Lodge, but even more interesting was a slideshow given by Br. Terrell Goertz. Brother Terrell has a fun goal set for himself, to visit all the Major League Baseball Parks. Not too long ago he visited the one in Detroit, Michigan. While in Detroit he also visited the Grand Lodge Building. Brother Goertz's presentation was impressive and everyone who attended went away with a new sense of Masonic excitement.

Grand Lodge - WM Larry West and I attended the 152nd Annual Grand Lodge, held in Spokane, WA on June 11, 12 and 13. This was Bro. West's first trip to a Grand Lodge and Larry came away very impressed. MWB Doug Tucker ran a smooth and well-paced meeting and we were treated by some very good speakers. There were three which, in my opinion, were particularly insightful, thought-provoking and inspiring: the Grand Lecturer's Report, given by VW Jim Mendoza; the Grand Orator's Report, given by VW Sam Roberts and the Deputy of the Grand Master's Response Address, given by VW Alden Sarmiento. Actually, I also liked the Report of the Grand Historian, VW Ted Shrum, because he presented a number historical facts, about the Grand Lodge of Washington, which I had not known before.

GL Elections and Appointments: MW Gale Kenny is our new Grand Master; RW Santy Lascano is the DGM; RW Mike Sanders is the new SGW, RW David Owen returns as the G Sec. and RW Dean Heinemann is the new JGW. Brothers from District No. 10 were appointed to positions as follows: VW John Browne - Grand Orator; VW Charles Cunningham - D of GM; VW James F. Brady III - Public Relations Comm.; WB Gary Pitcher - Long Range Planning Comm.; WB George Edwards - Youth Comm.; WB Dick Decima & Bro. Jerry Mason - CHIPs Comm. And MW Wayne Deming continues on as a member emeritus of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Stated Meeting - June 18th. What a busy meeting we had my brothers: two petitions were voted on, a First Degree conferred, numerous bills paid and two more petitions were Read. It is my pleasure to welcome two new members to Whatcom Lodge. First, WB Ted Schuman, who comes to us as a plural member from Hollywood Lodge No. 303. Ted and his wife Penny just moved up from So. California. Second is Bro. David C. Brown who is CEO of his own internet consulting business.

Degrees - The First Degree was conferred on David C. Brown by WB Bill Hall. VW Glenn Hutchings gave the Apron Lecture, WB Bill Hall the Working Tools, VW Winton Smith presented the First Degree Lecture and VW John Browne gave the Charge. Whatcom Lodge thanks VWB Winton Smith and WB Blair Thisted for their assistance in handling the duties of the Chaplain and Senior Warden respectively.

Next Meeting - is Thursday, July 2nd a Special Communication and we plan to confer one or possibly two Fellowcraft Degrees.

Next Stated meeting - July 16th, a light meal at 5:30, lodge to begin opening at 6:30. We may have another petition to Read in lodge and two petitions to ballot on. It is possible that we may hold a degree conferral this evening, perhaps a double EAM Degree after the petition balloting, we'll see.

Fraternally, John Browne - Secretary/Treasurer, contact information is at the bottom of page 4.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

- Jul 1st San Juan Lodge - Dark
- Jul 2nd Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Jul 3rd Bellingham Bay - Dark
- Jun 9th Fairhaven Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Jun 10th Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
- Jun 15th Ferndale Lodge - 7:20 pm
- Jun 16th Kulshan Int. Lodge - Dark
- Jul 16th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

45th Annual Open Air Degree at the Masonic Park

7 - 10 a.m. enjoy an *All You Can Eat* Breakfast (\$5.00) at Damascus Lodge #199 in Granite Falls.

Masonic Park gate fee - \$5 per person

8 to 10 am - Registration at gate, coffee and donuts available at big kitchen.

10 am - District # 9 will open lodge.
Flag Ceremony
Welcome and Introductions
First Section of third degree by RCMP Team

Noonish - 30 minute break
Drama section - RCMP Team
Grand Master's Message
Lodge closed by Grand Lodge Officers

The Masonic Park Board sponsored Dinner will be served after close of lodge to 4 pm. The cost is \$10, to be paid at registration.

Ladies Program - There will be entertainment at Dream Camp for the ladies and a light brunch of coffee, tea and muffins will be provided at a cost of \$5 at the Rainbow Chalet.

Fri - July 31st, overnight camping will be allowed in designate areas

All fees are in US \$

Terry Gibbs V-Chair, Masonic Park Board

Lynden Lodge on the move

Calendar for July

- July 2 Stated Communication 7:30 PM (FMC)
 July 4 Flags at Lynden * & Greenwood Cemeteries
 Dawn and Dusk
 July 16 Special Meeting, 7:30 PM (FMC)
 July 26 Lynden Lodge Picnic, Myhre at Birch Bay Village
 Begins at 2 pm.
 Thursdays Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon Restaurant Noon
 (FMC) Ferndale Masonic Center (BMC) Bellingham Masonic Center

JOPPA LODGE VISITATION

On May 14, 2009, 10 Lynden Lodge brothers visited Joppa Lodge No. 112 in White Rock, BC and had a most enjoyable evening of fellowship and goodwill, plus a delicious Crab Dinner. They have a Traveling Gavel that is awarded to any lodge that visits with 10 or more brothers, including the WM. Subsequently, Joppa Lodge will make a return visit with at least 10 brothers, including the WM to retrieve the Traveling Gavel. Their visit is scheduled for July 16th, which is the date of our Special Communication, so no business will be done and the entire evening can be devoted to entertaining our guests. The lodge will be tiled at 7:30 PM. Brothers from other Whatcom County Lodges are invited to join us for the evening. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

LYNDEN LODGE ANNUAL PICNIC

Lynden Lodge will hold it's annual picnic and potluck on July 26 at 2:00PM at the Myhre home located at 5655 Lower Nakat Way in Birch Bay Village. Members of other Whatcom County Lodges are invited to join us.

WM Dick, Worshipful Master

Bethel No. 25 - Job's Daughters

We had a splendid time at GBS in Wenatchee and the Daughters brought home trophies. For Travel miles... Second place for Class B Bethels.

HQ Courtney Scheffler won Best in State for Creative Writing, as well as Second place for Honored Queen ritual in Class A and Second place for Fourth Messenger in Class A. Our Chaplain, Amanda Tapparo won First place for Second Messenger, Class C and was the first Grand Rep drawn. She will represent WA Jobies for Alaska, Wyoming and Bahia. Courtney is also a Grand Rep and she represents New Mexico, Piaui and Rio De Janeiro.

Mr. Brady was given the Evergreen Award - the famous 'pine tree'...in recognition of his devoted service to the Bethel for more than nine years.

Ms. Debbie Morse is the new Grand First Messenger and the 'other' Debbie Morse (from the East side of the State) is the new Grand Marshal.

Margot Wade-Terry, Guardian



Lynden Lodge honored at Grand Lodge

MARK TWAIN AWARD FOR MASONIC AWARENESS

Lynden Lodge No. 56 was one of three Washington lodges, out of 24 across the nation, to win the Mark Twain Award for Masonic Awareness. A custom designed acrylic award naming the Lodge and award year was presented by Grand Master Douglas E. Tucker at the 152nd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington in Spokane to Lynden Lodge brothers, along with members of Eureka Lodge No. 20 and Sequim Lodge No. 213.

The Twain Award is made to a very select number of Lodges who have demonstrated "high energy, fresh enthusiasm, new creativity, and visible productivity in communicating a positive identity of Freemasonry within the Lodge and throughout the greater community."

BRO JERRY MASON RECOGNIZED

At the 152nd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, Lynden Lodge No. 56 Bro. Jerry Mason was one of a select few to receive a framed Certificate of Recognition for his participation in the Grand Lecturer's Challenge.

This recognition is quite an achievement particularly considering that Bro. Jerry was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason just 16 months ago.

The Certificate was signed by VWB Jim Mendoza, Grand Lecturer and MWB Douglas E. Tucker, Grand Master.

WB Dick Decima
Secretary

Our Masonic Youth Groups are still meeting this summer!

Consider attending a youth group meeting. Rainbow for girls, Jobs Daughters (girls) and/or DeMolay for boys.

Rainbow Assembly No. 17: Ferndale – 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7 PM; Mt Vernon Rainbow – 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7 PM; Bethel No. 25 Jobs Daughters at Bellingham Masonic Ctr - 2nd Thursday and 4th Saturday; and DeMolay – Mt. Vernon, 1st and 3rd Wednesday, at the Mt. Vernon Masonic Hall. All youth groups start at 7 PM.

The Grand Master has a passion for the Youth Groups as have I and it would be awesome to see the sidelines filled with my Brethren at these meetings. The young people in our youth groups are our future in more ways than Masonic, if you can't make all the meetings try for at least one or two, you will not be disappointed, trust me!

George Edwards,
Grand Lodge Youth Committee



KING'S QUOTE'S

When asked for his view on Western civilization
 Mahatma Gandhi replied,
 "I think it would be a good idea!"

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

July No meetings, we are dark in July!

Looking ahead!

August

Friday the 7th – Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM.

Friday the 21st – Special Communication - stay tuned for up-dates!

Fraternally
 WM George Edwards

Evergreen Assembly No. 14 - Rainbow Girls

The officers of Evergreen Assembly #17 held their bi-annual installation at the Ferndale Masonic Hall on June 20th. Worthy Advisor Chelsea Thomas choose Winnie the Pooh and his friends to help us usher in a "Term in the Hundred Acre Wood". She plans to include many activities during the next six months to promote membership and sisterhood within the assembly and fraternity within the Masonic community.

The girls will be participating in ritual, talent and scrapbook competitions this year at Grand Assembly in Yakima on July 8-13 and also have several well qualified applicants for Grand Offices and Correspondents. On July 23-26, we will be working hard selling burgers in Ferndale. This year, the jurisdiction-wide campout at Granite Falls is on August 7-9 which fits better on our calendar than it has in previous years as we get a little break before leading into the fish and chips booth at the Northwest Washington Fair on August 17-22.

On September 22nd, we are planning to take our meeting to Nooksack for our Masonic friends at that Hall, and in October, we are planning a dinner with our Masonic friends at the Ferndale Hall. We will finish up the term with the Tolo, a formal high school dance we put on in December.

We hope many of you will be willing to assist us this year with our fundraisers as well as interact with us at the Masonic events in the community. The girls would love to be invited to attend some of your events or to assist you with an activity. You can send us emails to nadinerby@hotmail.com; written invites to P.O. Box 1770, Ferndale, WA 98248; and reach me by phone at 360-201-7348.

-Nadine Weatherby, Mother Advisor

Grand Master's Calendar				Page 3
June				
26	Fri.	Bremerton No. 117 St. John's Day dinner, Bremerton, 6:30 p.m., Ladies		Team U
27	Sat.	Little Falls No. 176 100th Reconstitution, Vader, Noon		MC/Tux/TU
July	Day	Activity		Dress
1	Wed.	Kidney Dialysis Service Center Cornerstone, Othello, 4:00 p.m.		Tux/Team U
2	Thur.			
3	Fri.			
4	Sat.	135th Imperial Shrine Session, San Antonio, TX		Team U
5	Sun.	135th Imperial Shrine Session, San Antonio, TX		Team U
6	Mon.	135th Imperial Shrine Session, San Antonio, TX		Team U
7	Tues.	135th Imperial Shrine Session, San Antonio, TX		Team U
8	Wed.	135th Imperial Shrine Session, San Antonio, TX		Team U
9	Thur.	135th Imperial Shrine Session, San Antonio, TX		Team U
10	Fri.			
11	Sat.	Daylight No. 232 Installation, Green Lake, 10:00 a.m.		Team U
11	Sat.	S&C Jamboree, Monitor, BBQ		Casual
12	Sun.	Rainbow for Girls Installation, Yakima Sundome		Tux/Team U
13	Mon.	Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Spokane, 8:00 a.m.		MC
13	Mon.	South Gate No. 100 Stated, Burien, 7:30 p.m.		Team U
14	Tues.			
15	Wed.	St. John's No. 9 Stated, Greenwood, Dinner 6:15 p.m.		Team U
16	Thur.	GMDI		
17	Fri.	Deer Park No. 134 Table Lodge, Deer Park		CTU
18	Sat.	North Hill No. 210's Annual 1st Degree Drama, Spokane, 9:00 a.m.		Team U
18	Sat.	District No. 30 Meeting, TBD, 6:00 p.m.		Team U
19	Sun.			
20	Mon.	Westgate Lodge No. 128 Table Lodge, Kirkland, 6:30 p.m.		Team U
21	Tues.			
22	Wed.			
23	Thur.			
24	Fri.			
25	Sat.	Krucible No. 318 Constitution and Installation of Officers, Tacoma, 10:00 a.m., Ladies		MC/Tux/TU
25	Sat.	Grand Mound Picnic and re-dedication ceremony, 2:00 p.m., Ladies		TU/Casual
25	Sat.	Seafair Torchlight Parade?		Team U
26	Sun.			
27	Mon.	EXCOM		
28	Tues.			
29	Wed.			
30	Thur.			
31	Fri.			

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
"Enjoy the little things, because one day you may look back and realize they were the big things." ~ Robert Brault			1 SJ # 175 - Dark 7:30 p. (FHMC) Canada Day	2 L # 56 7:30 pm Stated Comm. W 151 - Special Comm. - 6:30, one or two FC Degrees are planned.	3 BB # 44 - Dark	4 Independence Day
5	6 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - Dark F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	7 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	8 NV # 105 - 6 p.	9 Bethel # 25 at 7 p.	10	11
12	13 F # 264 - stated, at 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - Dark	14 F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 pm. (FMC)	15	16 W 151-stated lodge lite dinner at 5:30, lodge opens 6:30 p. We are planning to confer One or two EAM Degrees Lyn # 56 Spl. 7: 30 pm	17	18
19	20 Bellingham Chapter Royal Arch - Dark F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	21 KI # 186 - Dark ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC - Board meets next in September.	22	23 BMC Temp Assoc. meeting at 7:30 pm	24 BB # 44 - Dark	25 Bethel #25 at 7 pm
26 Lynden Lodge picnic 2 pm. Parents Day	27	28 F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 pm. (FMC)	29	30	31	"Give light, and the darkness will disappear of itself." ~ Desiderius Erasmus

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The Whatcom Brothers send their wishes for
 A Very Happy July Birthday!

To:

- July 4th - Bro. Roy E. Gogel
- July 8th - Bro. Joeseph H. Bowers
- July 9th - W/B Del E. Livermore
- July 16th - Bro. Ellis D. Massey
- July 17th - Bro. Raymond B. Bailey
- July 22nd - Bro. Michael L. Davis
- July 30th - Bro. James P. Siverson

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