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Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105

You are cordially invited to our
Installation of Officers

Nooksack Valley Lodge will hold its annual installation of officers on Saturday, July 10th, beginning at 6:30pm at the Nooksack Masonic Center. The ceremony is open to the public, so please bring your Ladies and Friends.

Election of officers was held on June 23rd and the results were:

WM - Jack Stanley, SW - Tim Springstead,
JW - Norm Chassie, Trea - John Browne,
Sec - Frank Juntunen

The Appointed Officers for 2010-11 are as follows:

Mar - WB Dick Decima, SD - David Beaudry,
JD - Jerry Mason, Tyler - Bill Russell

*If you don't design your own life plan,
chances are you'll fall into someone else's plan.
And guess what they have planned for you?
Not much!!*

~ Jim Rohn, 1930 - 2009

Whatcom Lodge Report

Stated Meeting - Our stated meeting was held on June 17th with twenty-six brothers attending.

Petitions: Two petitions for the degrees of Masonry were Read and investigation committees assigned.

Degrees: During the month of June three degrees were conferred. On June 3rd, Bro. Tristan Burgess and Bro. Mike Mozelewski were Passed to the FC Degree. A very good turnout of 23 brothers were on hand to support these fine Masons. On June 17th Bro. Jesse Peterson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a MM. It was a bitter-sweet meeting as Brother Joe Barratt, who gave the Working Tools, departs soon for his new station assignment in New Haven, Connecticut. Our next degree is planned for Thursday July 1st, when we will confer the Sublime Degree on Bro. James McCullough, please support him.

Proficiency: Brother Jesse Peterson proved-up on the FCM Degree on June 3rd and he dedicated the proficiency to his coach WB John Burley. Brother James McCullough completed his FCM proficiency on June 17th.

Next meetings - Our Special is on July 1st and the Stated is on July 15th.

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

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Jul 1 st	Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
Jul 2 nd	Bellingham Bay - Dark
Jul 7 th	San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm
Jul 12 th	Ferndale Lodge - 7:30- pm
Jul 13 th	Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm
Jul 14 th	Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
Jul 15 th	Whatcom Lodge - 6:30 pm
Jul 24 th	Kulshan Int. Lodge - 10:30 am

46th Annual Open Air Degree at the Masonic Park, Aug. 7th

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

Lakeside Lodge #258

Noonish - 30 minute break

Drama section - Nile Shrine Deg. 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 \$15, 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 - August 6th, overnight camping will be allowed in designate areas

All fees are in US \$

Terry Gibbs V-Chair, Masonic Park Board

Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

Lynden Lodge conducted two degrees during June; Entered Apprentice for Dr. Chris Lilja and Fellow Craft for Mr. Don Aho. Both of these new brothers are relatively new members to the Lynden community.

The close of the school year was marked with three Bikes for Books presentations at Lynden Middle School, Meridian Middle School and Irene Reither Primary School, bringing the total bicycles furnished during 2009/10 to 32. Educators at each institution were pleased with program reading results and are enthusiastically looking forward to continuing participation next year.

Two bicycles were presented to Lynden Library during the week of June 14 to support the Library's Summer Reading Program.

Strawberry sales which help fund Lodge Community Support Programs concluded on June 26th. Sales increased over last year's levels and we thank all District 10 brethren who helped to support this funding effort. We also hope that you enjoyed the strawberries.

Lynden Lodge officer elections for the coming Lodge year will be held at the July 1st Stated Meeting and Step Up night will occur at the August 5th Stated Meeting.

Lynden Lodge is not dark during the summer months. If you are looking for some Masonic Fellowship, please join us. We welcome your support.

Jack A. Sprouls, WM
Lynden Lodge No. 56



NWSC

Our annual Hamburger feed was well attended as for what the weather allowed. This year we have pictures to show thanks to Noble Gerrit KuiKen. The Northwest Shrine Club will be dark till Tuesday September 7, 2010 which is our Bar-B-Que night of Chicken & Ribs. Enjoy the summer and remember to be safe out there.

Yours in Faith
Ron Fine, Secretary

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

July activities for Bellingham Bay #44

Friday July 2nd we are dark for July.

Bellingham Bay Lodge #44 will take its summer break in July with no scheduled meetings. We hope to attend the events of other lodges that are active in July. We will resume our meetings in August.

WM Gary Pitcher



Jerusalem

a poem by
William Blake

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?

And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!

I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land



From ~ *The Island Race* [1898]

To set the cause above renown,
To love the game above the prize,
To honor, while you strike him down,
The foe that comes with fearless eyes;
To count the life of battle good
And dear the land that gave you birth,
And dearer yet the brotherhood
That binds the brave of all the earth.

~ *Sir Henry Newbolt* (1862 - 1938)

~ In honor of Independence Day
I offer this poem describing a hero
of our Revolutionary War ~

Molly Maguire at Monmouth

by
William Collins

On the bloody field of Monmouth
Flashed the guns of Greene and Wayne.
Fiercely roared the tide of battle,
Thick the sward was heaped with slain.
Foremost, facing death and danger,
Hessian, horse, and grenadier,
In the vanguard, fiercely fighting,
Stood an Irish Cannonier.

Loudly roared his iron cannon,
Mingling ever in the strife,
And beside him, firm and daring,
Stood his faithful Irish wife.
Of her bold contempt of danger
Greene and Lee's Brigades could tell,
Every one knew "Captain Molly,"
And the army loved her well.

Surged the roar of battle round them,
Swiftly flew the iron hail,
Forward dashed a thousand bayonets,
That lone battery to assail.
From the foeman's foremost columns
Swept a furious fusillade,
Mowing down the massed battalions
In the ranks of Greene's Brigade.

Fast and faster worked the gunner,
Soiled with powder, blood, and dust,
English bayonets shone before him,
Shot and shell around him burst;
Still he fought with reckless daring,
Stood and manned her long and well,
Till at last the gallant fellow
Dead beside his cannon fell.

With a bitter cry of sorrow,
And a dark and angry frown,
Looked that band of gallant patriots
At their gunner stricken down.
"Fall back, comrades, it is folly
Thus to strive against the foe."
"No! not so," cried Irish Molly;
"We can strike another blow."

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Quickly leaped she to the cannon,
In her fallen husband's place,
Sponged and rammed it fast and steady,
Fired it in the foeman's face.
Flashed another ringing volley,
Roared another from the gun;
"Boys, hurrah!" cried gallant Molly,
"For the flag of Washington."

Greene's Brigade, though shorn and shattered,
Slain and bleeding half their men,
When they heard that Irish slogan,
Turned and charged the foe again.
Knox and Wayne and Morgan rally,
To the front they forward wheel,
And before their rushing onset
Clinton's English columns reel.

Still the cannon's voice in anger
Rolled and rattled o'er the plain,
Till there lay in swarms around it
Mangled heaps of Hessian slain.
"Forward! charge them with the bayonet!"
'Twas the voice of Washington,
And there burst a fiery greeting
From the Irish woman's gun.

Monckton falls; against his columns
Leap the troops of Wayne and Lee,
And before their reeking bayonets
Clinton's red battalions flee.
Morgan's rifles, fiercely flashing,
Thin the foe's retreating ranks,
And behind them onward dashing
Ogden hovers on their flanks.

Fast they fly, these boasting Britons,
Who in all their glory came,
With their brutal Hessian hirelings
To wipe out our country's name.
Proudly floats the starry banner,
Monmouth's glorious field is won,
And in triumph Irish Molly
Stands beside her smoking gun.

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The challenge of leadership is to be strong,
but not rude; be kind, but not weak;
be bold, but not a bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy;
be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant;
have humor, but without folly.

~ Jim Rohn



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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

During my 87 years, I have witnessed a whole succession of technological revolutions; but none of them has done away with the need for character in the individual, or the ability to think.

~ *Barnard Baruch*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
We deem those happy who from the experience of life have learned to bear its ills without being overcome by them. ~ <i>Carl Jung</i>				1L # 56 stated meeting 7:30 pm W #151 - Spl. Comm—	2 BB # 44 stated 7:30 pm.	3
4 Independence Day	5 Hesperus Commandery No. 8 - Dark F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	6 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	7 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	8 Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.	9	10 Nooksack No. 105 hosts an open Installation of Officers for 2010-11
11	12 F # 264 - 7:30 p. Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - Dark	13 F # 73-stated 7 pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	14 NV # 105 - 6 pm	15 W 151-stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm	16 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p. (SRH)	17
18	19 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - Dark F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	20 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	21	22	23	24 KI # 186, stated, at 10:30 am. Bethel #25 at 7 pm
25	26	27 F # 73-Spl. 7 pm.	28	29	30	31

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

To:

- July 4th - Bro. Roy E. Gogel
- July 8th - Bro. Joeseeph H. Bowers
- July 9th - WB Del E. Livermor
- July 16th - Bro. Ellis D. Massey
- July 17th - Bro. Raymond B. Bailey
- July 22nd - Bro. Michael L. Davis
- July 29th - Bro. Terrell V. Goertz
- July 30th - Bro. James P. Siverson
- July 30th - Bro. Samuel W. Bailey

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