



Letters from District No. 10

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July 2011

International Order of Rainbow for Girls - **Assembly No. 17**
Installation of Officers - Worthy Advisor, Miss Chelsea Thomas
Tuesday, June 28th, 2011 at 7 PM
Ferndale Masonic Center - **Open to All!**

Installation of Officers: Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105
Saturday, July 23rd at 7 PM
Nooksack Valley Masonic Center

Whatcom Lodge Report

Stated Meeting - Our stated meeting was held on June 16th with 13 brothers attending. WB Boyd McEwen opened on the Third Degree and conducted the regular business of the lodge. MWB Wayne Deming and Bro. John Brown were in attendance as visitors.

Reports: Sec'y John Browne gave a report on the business concluded at the 154th Grand Lodge Annual Communication. He noted that the new Grand Master is, as expected, MWB Michael L. Sanders; SGW is RW Dean W. Heinemann; JGW is RW Gerald K. Lingle; G-Sec is RW David P. Owen and the JGW is RW Bruce E. Vesper.

The new Deputy of the Grand Master for District Ten is VW Troy Nutter.

Petitions: We had one Petition for Plural Membership given its First Reading and an Investigation Committee was appointed. We also have several petitions out which may be turned in for Reading at our July Stated meeting.

Degrees: There are no degrees firmly scheduled at this moment but we're expecting that Bro. Craig Bruner will soon be ready for his Third Degree. As noted above there are several Petitions for the Degrees out and so we need to be ready for degree work in August and September. Your Lodge officers hope that you'll be on hand to assist.

Presentations: WB Thom Baughn, Honorary Past Master, gave a talk regarding the history of local Masonry in honor of Fairhaven Lodge No. 73's 120th Anniversary.

Good of the Order: WB Ted Schuman related a true story concerning his recent RV vacation. He and Penney had the opportunity to stop in Helena, MT and visited WB Bruce McGinnis, who turned out to a great tour-guide and host.

Next meetings: Our next Special meeting is on Thursday July 7th. The next stated meeting is on July 21st, dinner at 5:30 & lodge at 6:30 pm.

Fraternally, John Browne - Secy/Treas, [NEW Email!! = jbrowne.brf@gmail.com](mailto:jbrowne.brf@gmail.com) (page 4)

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Jul 1st Bellingham Bay - Dark

Jul 6th San Juan Lodge - 7:30

Jul 7th Lynden Int. Lodge - 7:30 pm

Jul 11th Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 pm

Jul 12th Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm

Jul 13th Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm

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

47th Annual Open Air Degree at the **Masonic Park** - Aug. 6th

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

Everett Lodge Degree Team

Noonish - 30 minute break

Drama section - Everett 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 - Aug 5th, overnight camping will be allowed in designate areas.

All fees are in US \$

Terry Gibbs V-Chair, Masonic Park Board

MASONIC LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION

The annual summer picnic will be held at the home of WB Bill Barquist at 8608 Stein Road on Sunday, August 7th beginning at 11:30 AM. More details of this fraternal event will be in the August Newsletter. Please plan to be there!



Notes from Lynden Int. Lodge No. 56

MASONIC SERVICE ON MEMORIAL - A Masonic service was held on Memorial Day at 9:00 AM at the Lynden Cemetery for those brothers who are interred in the Lynden and Greenwood cemeteries. This brief, but solemn ceremony, honored those brothers who have passed to that Celestial Lodge above.

FLAGS AT THE CEMETERIES - Lodge brothers continue to place 84 large flags along the roadways of the Lynden and Greenwood cemeteries on 11 national holidays throughout the year as a service to Whatcom County Cemetery District 10. It is the stated purpose of the commissioners of the District to enhance the beauty of the cemeteries by displaying an array of U.S. flags on these holidays.

FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE - On Thursday, June 16th, Bro. Stephen Aulds demonstrated his proficiency in the Entered Apprentice Degree before the body of the Lodge and then received his Fellowcraft Degree. His work was perfect! WM Jerry Mason and Bro. Claude Weadon shared the Middle Chamber lecture and did an excellent job. Bro. Aulds already is looking forward to proving up and then receiving the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER - It is not too early to mention the Hands Across the Border dinner show on Saturday, October 8th at the Lynden Community Center on Grover Street. We will be honoring MWB Michael Sanders and MWB William Cave, Grand Masters of their respective jurisdictions. As usual, exceptional entertainment has been planned. Once again, Lynden International Lodge is asking our District 10 brothers to support us. More details will be coming later.

Dick Decima
Secretary
Lynden Int. Lodge No. 56

Deputy of the Grand Master - **District Ten**

A Time of Renewal:

June is a time of renewal for the MW Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington. In annual communication, we select our leaders for the next term, the Grand Master makes appointments to his team for the next term, Lodges select and install officers over the next several months. Schools are in recess, families flee for vacation and personal renewal.

June is also a time when DeMolay holds its International Supreme Council meetings. This year DeMolay took a large step towards renewal and as I was watching a presentation on how they would accomplish that process, I was reminded of the theme of MWB Michael Sanders "Believe in the Power of Your Dreams". During the presentation they showed a clip from the early '60s of Ted Mack receiving an award from Dad Frank Land and MWB Harry S Truman. In the clip, Ted Mack stated that "Dad Frank Land was head of DeMolay, an organization that needs no explanation because everyone knows about it."

DeMolay has embarked on a campaign to make that statement true again. They believe in the power of their dreams, does Masonry?

I submit we do, as Masons, believe in the power of dreams. As evidence, I would submit that many lodges are beginning to grow and attract men to their midst. There are tools out there to help us tell our story, for if we do not, others will tell it for us. One such tool was created by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and is located at the link below:

<http://www.askafreemason.org/>

If you have not viewed these web pages, I encourage you to look at the presentations. Like DeMolay, I believe Masonry can be an everyday word in our communities. Dream to be involved. Dream to make a difference. Make your dream a reality.

I look forward to working with Masons and Lodges in District 10 over the next year.

Fraternally,
Troy Nutter

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Ferndale Lodge No. 264

Greetings Brothers and Friends. On Sat. June 25th Bro. Leo Wegner was Passed to the FC Degree. We're so glad to have Bro. Leo moving thru the degrees.

Last night, June 27th Ferndale Lodge had a wonderful turnout, 24 Bro.s, for its special communication. It was a very special evening indeed as we initiated two EA Masons, Bro. Paul Carlson and Bro. David Weadon, son of our SW Claude Weadon, who conferred the degrees. Our SD, Kyle Deming did a very nice job conducting the candidates, WB Gordon Grahame delivered wonderful *Apron Lectures*, Bro. Chris Huchel presented the *Working Tools* and Bro. Terrell Goertz gave the *Charge*. Its so exciting to have these fine young men in lodge and that is especially so when a son follows his father into our craft. I want to thank all the visitors for helping to make last night such a memorable experience, every lodge in Whatcom County was represented.

WB Jeff Moison, WM of Ferndale Lodge No. 264

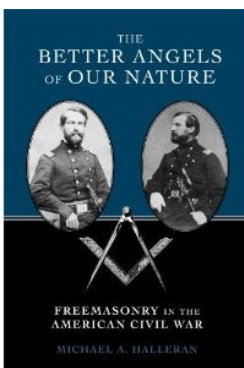
Masonic History

The first account of a corner-stone ceremony appeared in *Mist's Weekly* on 26 May 1722, in conjunction with the building of St. Martin in the Field Church. The first stone was laid by the Bishop of Salisbury. The official account was as follows:

"That it being a royal parish church, King George I sent his Lord Almoner and Surveyor General attended by Brother Gib, (the architect of that great pile), with many freemasons in solemn procession from the palace to level the foot stone of the southeast corner by giving it three great knocks with a mallet in the King's name, and laying upon it a purse of one hundred guineas. When the trumpeters sounded all joined in joyful acclamations and the Craftsmen went to the Tavern to drink a toast to the King and the Craft."

Reference: *History and Evolution of Freemasonry*, by D.D. Darrah

Book Review.



If you're looking for a good Summer Masonic read then consider the book by Michael A. Halleran, titled, **The Better Angels of Our Nature, Freemasonry in the American Civil War**. This account is written in a scholarly manner, well documented and researched. It highlights many instances where Masons on both sides of this national conflict, put their Masonic values on a par or even ahead of their political allegiances. A very inspiring read!

Scottish Rite Masonry:

Valley of Bellingham

Acres of Diamonds in our own back yard! Brother Chris Huchel has taken on the large project of Cataloging the many volumes in our library. It is now possible to find a publication or even know that we do not have an issue. The oldest publication found so far is dated 1846. Chris said that there is a lot more work to do. Tell him thank you for his time spent the next time you see him.

Every Wednesday night there is someone at the hall by 7 pm. Some are working on the Master Craftsman program, Discussing degrees, Just visiting and plus much more....

We would like to do a project like what Chris has done only for all of the costumes. We need Photographers, Catalogers, Knowledgeable Brothers on what goes where and good organizers. We have many Acres of Diamonds in our Valley. We just do not know the size or the value. Let your Secretary know when you are available.

Next VERY IMPORTANT New Calendar meeting will be on July 6th at the hall. Dinner at 6:30PM (\$10 Donation - Reservations needed to determine how much food to prepare). Dinner will be a summer picnic special and all the extras.... We will have an untiled planning session where we will put together the scheduling goals for the next two years beginning after dinner (about 7PM). Can't make dinner? That is OK - show up at 7PM. If you are there, you will be part of the solutions and the positive goals for the Valley. Dress - Casual

RESERVATION PHONE NUMBERS

360 319-8706 - John

or

360 676-5747 - Ron

CALL BY JULY 4th

Thank you,

John Sleeth 32° KCCH, *General Secretary*

Valley of Bellingham, (360) 733-1103

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

July 2011, Dark – Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44 is Dark for the month of July, hope to see you all when we come back to light in August.

Sec. Ken Gass

Fairhaven Lodge No. 73

Our July Stated Meeting is on Tuesday, July 12th and we open lodge at 7 PM

The July Special Communication is on Tuesday, July 26th and lodge will open at 7 PM.

Visiting Masons are welcome.

Thank you,
WB David Nelson

Evergreen Assembly No. 17 - Rainbow Girls

Rainbow Girls: June & July 2011

We held elections on Tuesday, June 21st with the following results: Worthy Advisor-elect: Chelsea Thomas Worthy Associate Advisor-elect: Kaelan Mayfield Sister of Charity-elect: Autumn Marceau We invite all to attend our open Installation of Officers Tuesday June 28th at 7 p.m. at the Ferndale Masonic Center.

July 8th-10th, we will be attending Grand Assembly at the Sundome in Yakima, where we will cheer on Kella Stone, Grand Religion and Chelsea Thomas, page to the Grand Courtesy Officers and Grand Representatives!

July 28th-31st, we will be serving burgers at our booth during Pioneer Days – support our youth organization and stop by for a Rainbow Special!!!

Jenny Southwick

Asst. Mother Advisor, Evergreen Assembly #17



On human effort ~ “All the performances of human art, at which we look with praise or wonder, are instances of the resistless force of perseverance: it is by this that the quarry becomes a pyramid, and that distant countries are united with canals. If a man was to compare the effect of a single stroke of the pick-ax or of one impression of the spade with the general design and last result, he would be overwhelmed by the sense of their disproportion; yet those petty operations, incessantly continued, in time surmount the greatest difficulties, and mountains are leveled, and oceans bounded, by the slender force of human beings.”

The venerable ~ *Dr. Samuel Johnson*

Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105

Brethren, hello from Nooksack Masonic Lodge # 105. Once again I sit to write about our fantastic Lodge and the Brethren and Ladies that attend. During the month of June, we attended Grand Lodge Of Washington, and we were surprised at the group that attended from all Lodges. It was great, I watched, listened and learned so much this time. We are thankful and grateful that we have so many learned Brethren at the helm. The meals were great, the beverage....FANTASTIC, and the camaraderie superb.

On our return to our homes, we had a very short time to prepare the turkey dinner for our Bikes For Books Fundraiser, that was held in Nooksack Masonic Lodge. We had a great turn out for the function held on June 18th, and the ones that attended chatted and laughed the evening away. Brethren traveled from Canada and from as far as Everett in the South. To the Brethren that traveled so far, thanks, you all enhanced our dinner ten fold. It was a great success, and maybe the new WM next year will follow up with a second, as it proved every bit, the way to go.

Many Lodges in this jurisdiction and others on the 49th side, are now having more ladies attend their function before a meeting, like Nooksack is, as I personally believe that is the way to go. Camaraderie and family will aid in getting our Lodges going better. The Brethren can not get it done on their own, we need our ladies and our families. That is my personal opinion.

On June 22nd, we held a step-up night for the SW of Nooksack Masonic Lodge, Bro. Tim Springstead, who was elected this evening as next term's WM. We also elected VWB Sam Roberts as the newest plural member of Nooksack and gave the first Reading to another petition for plural membership.

Please plan on attending our installation to be held on July 23rd, to install the new WM, and the Brethren for the ensuing year. It will begin at 7 PM and is open to all, we hope you'll attend.

It is my intention to ask the incoming WM, for permission to write the next insert in the News Letter as well, to say good by as WM. I know that he will wish to continue to write the News Letter inserts as I have done.

WB Jack Stanley

Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105



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 FHMC = Friday Harbor Masonic Center; NMC = Nooksack Masonic Center; SRH = Scottish Rite Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1 BB # 44 - Dark	2
3	4 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30 F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC) Independence Day (USA)	5 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 pm	6 SJ # 175 - stated 7:30 p. (FHMC) V of B, Scottish Rite, dinner at 6:30 (\$10 don.) planning mtg at 7 PM.	7 L Int. #56 stated 7:30 pm. W #151— Spl. Dinner, gather at 5:30, dinner at 6:00 pm	8	9
10	11 F # 264 - 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	12 F # 73-stated 7 pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	13 NV # 105 - stated at 6 pm - our ladies are invited - pot luck dinner at 6:15 PM	14 Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.	15 BB 44 is Dark	16
17	18 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	19 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	20 SJ # 175 - Spl. 7:30 p. (FHMC)	21 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	22	23 Bethel #25 at 7 pm Nooksack Lodge 105 Installation of Officers at 7 pm
24	25 F # 264 - 7:30 p.	26 F # 73-Spl. 7 pm. Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	27 NV # 105 - spl	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 47 th Outdoor 3 rd Degree at the Masonic Park - Granite Falls, see the notice on the front page.

The Whatcom Brothers send their wishes for
 A Very Happy July Birthday! To Brother's:

- July 4th - Bro. Roy E. Gogel
- July 8th - Bro. Joeseph 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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