



# Letters from District No. 10

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## Happy Independence Day!

### Whatcom Lodge Report

**Special Communication:** Our Thurs. June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was attended by 18 Whatcom Brothers and 2 visitors, Bro.s Joe and Scott Jenkins.

**Masonic Education:** SW Craig Bruner gave a talk on the Masonic meanings of the three circumambulation recitations. This information was thoughtful and a reason for personal reflection on the stages of our lives.

**Lodge BBQ & camping trip:** WB Ted Schuman reported the Summer BBQ & Pot Luck is at his residence and he would like an RSVP, the date is Sat. August 19<sup>th</sup>. He also noted that the July camping trip is coming soon.

**Sickness and relief:** WB Ted Schuman reported that WB Bill Hall continues slowly to improve but is still not able to receive visitors.

**Stated Communication:** The June 15<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting was attended by 15 Whatcom Brothers and 5 visitors: WB Dave Sarna, Bro.s Joe & Scott Jenkins and two new to Whatcom Lodge, Bro. Kyler Hall and EA from Terrestrial-Mountainview #228 and Bro Justin Oldham Sam R. Hamilton #1031, Texas.

**Masonic Education:** VW John Browne read a brief On this Day in History — 802 years ago, the Magna Carta was signed & sealed.

Bro. Ken Peck gave a visual aided update on our Website, excellent.

**Petitions:** Two petitions were reported on both found to be *Full & Favorable*. Next a ballot was taken for both and the result, each case were *Fair, Clear & Bright*. Bro. Scott Jenkins became a Plural Member and Mr. Jacob Williams will receive the Degrees of Masonry. His First Degree is planned for Thursday, August 3.

**Masonic Youth:** WB Thom Baughn gave his usual outstanding report.

**Grand Lodge Report:** VW Terrell Goertz gave a review on the results at the Annual Communication and highlighted topics MW Warren R. Schoeben will be promoting during his term of office.

**Election of Officers:** Whatcom Lodge will hold it's annual election of officers at our July 20<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication.

**Next Special Communication:** is on July the 6<sup>th</sup>. The next Stated Communication will be on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. 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

Jul 7<sup>th</sup> Bellingham Bay - *Dark*

Jul 13<sup>th</sup> Lynden Int. Lodge - *Dark*

Jul 10<sup>th</sup> Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 pm

Jul 20<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge - dinner at

### Up-coming Events

**Highway Cleanup**...is set for Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>, meet at the West Maplewood Hall at 8:45 am. Donuts will be provided.

**Open Installation of Officers**... for Lynden Int. Lodge #56 is scheduled to be held on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. See Lynden Int. #56 on page 2. Grand Master MW Warren R. Schoeben will be on hand.

**Whatcom Luncheon**...Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup> is our monthly lunch at Lee's Restaurant, Masons, Wives and friends are welcome! 12 noon { : )

**Charity Golf Tournament**...The WA Grand Chapter of Order of Eastern Star will be hosting a Charity Golf Tournament at the Nile Shrine Golf Club on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Forms to participate as a Sponsor, Golf Team, or simply to attend the Buffet can be downloaded from the Whatcom Lodge 151 Website:

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**Whatcom Lodge BBQ-Potluck**... is on Sat. Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> noon to 4 pm. At Ted & Penny Schuman's, **RSVP** to Ted & Penny, for more info see page 3.

**Open Installation of Officers**... for Whatcom Lodge 151 is set for Sat. October 7<sup>th</sup>. The time will be late afternoon or early evening—stay tuned for details.

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

**Note:** Bellingham Bay is ***Dark*** in July.

Special, we are planning a special for Friday July 21. An open dinner and wine-tasting.

Practice FC degree on our August special.

WM Arne Hanson  
Bellingham Bay #44

### Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

Jul 13 <sup>th</sup>	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM
Jul 27 <sup>th</sup>	Special Meeting	7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

**Annual election of officers** At the stated communication on June 22<sup>nd</sup> the members of Lynden International Lodge No. 56 elected the following officers for the fiscal year 2017/2018:

<b><i>W. Master-Elect:</i></b>	Troy Luginbill
<b><i>Senior Warden-Elect</i></b>	Richard Myhre
<b><i>Junior Warden-Elect</i></b>	Howard Hanna
<b><i>Treasurer-Elect</i></b>	Eric Bauer
<b><i>Secretary-Elect</i></b>	Richard Decima

W. Master-Elect Luginbill stated that the Open Installation of Officers will be on **Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Ferndale Masonic Hall**. Members of other Lodges, Concordant Bodies, Wives, Family and Friends are cordially invited to attend.

MW Warren R. Schoeben will be installing WM elect Troy, VW John Browne is setting up the Installation Team.

### **Consideration of consolidation of memberships**

The Ad Hoc special committees to consider the consolidation of the memberships of Ferndale Lodge No. 264 and Lynden International Lodge No. 56 have been very busy this past month. Each committee has introduced a proposition in Lodge to consolidate and the members of both Lodges have been notified that this proposition will be voted upon at the next stated communication. The consolidated Lodge will have about 100 members.

**Hands Across the Border** Our 2017 Fall Hands Across the Border gala dinner show will take place on Saturday, October 7th. We will honor MWB Ron Yates, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of British Columbia & Yukon and MWB Warren Schoeben, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington. A Roy Orbison impersonator will be featured. More details to come soon. Please mark your calendars!

## Ferndale Lodge No. 264

On Monday June 12<sup>th</sup>, VW Terrell Goertz as Spl. Deputy appointed by MW Warren R. Schoeben, opened Ferndale Lodge No. 264. In addition to the regular business of the lodge the annual election of officers was held. The result being: Bill Barquist was elected as WM; Bob Langer as SW; Vern King as JW and Everett Thompson at Sec/ Trea.

It was moved by Everett Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Langer, to Consolidate with Lynden Int. Lodge No. 56. The vote for approval to be taken at the July 10<sup>th</sup>, Stated Communication.

On Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>, VW John Browne, as Spl. Deputy appointed by MW Warren R. Schoeben, opened Ferndale Lodge for the purpose of Installation of Officers for the 2017-18 term. Only three of the newly elected officers were on hand, the forth being on vacation. Installer were:

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### Whatcom Lodge annual summer BBQ

***Whatcom Brethren:*** It's time for Whatcom's annual BBQ again, so mark your calendars so you don't miss it. **Saturday, August 19, Noon to three** we will gather at the home of Ted and Penny Schuman and whoop it up! As before, we request that you ***RSVP*** direct to Ted or Penny and indicate how you wish to participate in the potluck. The lodge will provide hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixin's, but you should bring side dishes, salads or dessert. Ted will have a sign-up sheet with him at lodge, or you can simply call their house at [\(360\) 392-8763](tel:3603928763). See




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### Highway Cleanup Program

Good tidings from the Highway Cleanup crew. We had tentative plans for a clean up in June, but it never came to fruition. We are fixed on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of July now. Please meet at the Maplewood Masonic Center at 8:45. We depart promptly at 9 AM. We plan on making smaller "hops" along the way so there are more breaks in between sections; more like a 1/4 mile instead of a 1/2 mile, for example. Hope to see you all there!

WB Chris Huchel

*P.S.* - Donuts will be provided, who knows, maybe we'll see some dough along the highway, as well?

**17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OES CHARITY  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
“Four Person Scramble”**

Date: Friday, July 28, 2017  
Location: Nile Shrine Golf Center  
Start Time: 1:00 PM – Shotgun  
Limited to first 80 golfers

**Cost:** 18 holes - \$90pp (\$360 per team)  
& 9 holes \$80pp (\$320 per team)

*Includes green fees, cart and BBQ Dinner Buffet*  
(\$30 for non- golfers)

**Awards:** Team Prizes (Men, Mixed & 9 hole)  
based on entries

Long Drive: Men & Women

Closest to Pin: Men & Women

Mulligans will be available for purchase 3/\$5.00  
or 6 for \$10.00 at the registration table

**IN MEMORIAM**

Obituary for WB James Edmund (Jim) Blaney  
Member of Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44

James Edmund (Jim) Blaney was born June 9, 1922, in Orillia, Ontario, Canada, to Elsie Annie Hazell Blaney and James Vernon Blaney “Vernon,” and passed away at the age of 95 on June 17, 2017, surrounded by family.

Jim was born to fly. He had his first flying lesson at age 16, and joined the Army Air Corps at age 19, was accepted into pilot training, and became a B-17 bomber pilot based in Polebrook, England, flying 37 missions in seven months, becoming squadron leader and first lieutenant. Jim continued flying throughout his life, owning six of his own aircraft. He was licensed as a pilot from 1939-2013. He incorporated his love of flying into his insurance business, specializing in aircraft insurance as a licensed insurance agent from 1946-2010. One of his most memorable adventures was flying his own plane to Cape Canaveral to watch several Apollo launches at the invitation of one of the astronauts.

When he was 6, Jim moved to Detroit, Michigan, with his family, moving later to Dearborn, Michigan. In Dearborn, singing in a church choir, Jim spotted a cute girl, Helen McClure, also singing in the choir. On April 20, 1944, Jim and Helen began their 73-year marriage in Dearborn, moving to Des Moines, Iowa, in 1950, where he began his own insurance agency, and where they lived for 60 years before resettling in Bellingham, Washington. In Bellingham Jim continued flying, loved to go for lunch with the “Fly Boys,” explore the area, walk along Boulevard Park, visit with other retired pilots, participate in

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GOLF TOURNAMENT  
NILE SHRINE GOLF COURSE, MOUNTLAKE  
LAKE TERRACE  
Friday July 28, 2017**

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Jim was independent, curious and active, and he dedicated his life to serving others. When his daughters were growing up, he was an Explorer Scout leader, taking his scouts on many kayak and canoe trips on Iowa rivers. He was on the school board for the local school district, and was a grassroots organizer for SE Polk school consolidation, holding the first meeting to form the new consolidated school district in the basement of the Blaney home. He loved to take his daughters on hikes to unknown destinations (often along an abandoned interurban right-of-way), whistling bird calls, and identifying trees by their leaves and bark!

He served in many organizations including being a 50-year member of Masonic Lodge (past Master), Eastern Star (past Patron), member of Consistory, Shriner, American Legion, VFW, Rotary (perfect attendance for 40 years), founding member of the Des Moines Toastmasters, Northfield Flying Club, Goodwill Industries Board member (1954-2010) and President Emeritus. He was active in various activities at his church including as an Elder, board member, teacher, choir member, and visitor to many when they were hospitalized, often taking them communion. Jim loved to play Cribbage and ping pong. He loved music, especially Big Band era music and Blue Grass. He played trombone, including in the Army Air Corps band, sang in the Des Moines Chorale Society, and learned to play guitar at age 65! He loved to travel anywhere, and especially close to his heart was his annual pilgrimage to his “homeland,” Coldwater, Ontario, Canada to visit his relatives and familiar places.

Jim will be missed by his wife Helen, of 73 years, four daughters: Ruth Blaney (Eric Matthews) Bainbridge Island, Donna Blaney Johnson (Randy) St. Paul, MN, Carol Blaney (Ron Blokker) Bellingham, Gail Blaney Aurand (Joel) O’Fallon, MO; his nine grandchildren: Jonah Rapp; Eve Johnson Braf-ford (Michael), Evan Johnson, Reed Johnson; Calla Martin, Natalie Martin; Kelsey Aurand DeRazo (Mario), Bethany Aurand Murray (Jack), Charis Aurand; and four great grand-sons: Diego, Miguel and Octavio Razo; Oskar James Blaney Braf-ford.

In lieu of flowers, you may make donations in Jim’s name to Rotary Club of Whatcom County North, P.O. Box 188, Ferdale, WA 98248; First Christian Church, 495 E. Bakerview,

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
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 <i>Canada Day</i>
2	3 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 - 7:30	4 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p  <i>Independence Day</i>	5 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	6 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm.	7 BB # 44 - Dark	8 Highway Cleanup, meet at 8:45 am at the W. Maplewood Hall. We depart at 9 sharp!
9	10 F # 264 - 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	11 Bethel # 25 Dark	12 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 p Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	13 L # 56 Dark, but we'll be hosting our Installation of Officers at 6:30 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	14 BB 44 Dark  <i>Raspberry Festival (Lynden)</i>	15  <i>Raspberry Festival (Lynden)</i>
16	17 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	18 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)  <i>Whatcom Luncheon Lee's Restaurant at High noon!</i>	19 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	20 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm. Elec- tion of Officers.	21 BB #44 Special Dinner, wine tasting see page 2.	22 Bethel #25 Dark
23	24 F # 264 - 7:30 p	25 Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM	26 Chuckanut Chap- ter DeMolay 7:30 pm	27 L # 56 special meeting 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)  <i>Old Settler's Weekend (Ferndale)</i>	28  <i>Old Settler's Weekend (Ferndale)</i>	29  <i>Old Settler's Weekend (Ferndale)</i>
30  <i>Old Settler's Weekend (Ferndale)</i>	31	1	2	3	4	5

**NORTHWEST SHRINE CLUB**

We are "dark" for the summer but still kinda in busi-  
 ness. The Northwest Shrine Club participated in the  
 Blossom Time Parade with the Nile Shriners from Seat-  
 tle. Past President Bill Barquist and Club President Greg  
 Cory peddled a Surrey in the parade this year. You will  
 have one more chance to see us - we will be in the Old  
 Settlers Parade in Ferndale at the end of July. In Septem-  
 ber we will once again host the Doctors from the Portland  
 Hospital. They will be in Bellingham to treat those pa-  
 tients that live far away and the drive to Portland is diffi-  
 cult for them. The Shrine Club is there to provide snack  
 for the parents and help the children move from different  
 locations around the clinic for treatment. This is one of

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 comment, historical fact, poem or calendar announcement, by  
 the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month, to:  
 John F. Browne, **9960 Stardust Lane**,  
 Maple Falls, WA. 98266  
 Ph. 360-599-3481

Our next official club meeting will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of  
 September at Jeckly/Hyde restaurant. All are welcome -  
 if you think you might be interested in becoming a  
 shiner - please come and join us for a fine evening of  
 dinner, guest program and door prizes.

Submitted, Greg Cory -