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Whatcom Lodge Report

Greetings fellow Whatcom brothers.

May was a productive month for Whatcom Lodge as we held two more degrees, received a petition and handed one more out. On May 7th the First Degree was conferred on Anthony Portera and on May 21st Bro. Alex Bruner was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Congratulations to both our brothers.

Stated Meeting - May 21st. In addition to paying a few bills and holding the 3rd degree mentioned above, we Read a new Petition for the Degrees of Masonry and assigned an Investigation Committee consisting of Monte Thompson (chair), John Burley and Scott Voss. The lodge also received an application for the Harold M. Terpenning Educational Scholarship which was presented to the Scholarship Committee headed by SW Frank Myers. Also serving on the committee were brothers Monte Thompson and Scott Voss.

Grand Lodge - It won't be long before the 152nd Annual Communication will take place in Spokane WA. and WM Larry West and VW John Browne will be attending on behalf of Whatcom Lodge. The Annual Communication runs June 11, 12 and 13.

Degrees - We have several brothers working their way through the degrees so we'll be conferring degrees in July, August and very likely in September too!

Next Meeting - is Thursday, June 4th and this will be a social event which brothers in all degrees, and candidates can may attend; stay tuned for details.

Next Stated meeting - June 18th, a light meal at 5:30, lodge to begin opening at 6:30. We should have a petition to Read in lodge and another to ballot on. It is possible that we may hold a degree conferral this evening but I'll have to send out word on which degree and for whom.

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

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

- Jun 3rd San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Jun 4th Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Jun 5th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
- 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 - 7:30 p
- Jun 18th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.



KING'S QUOTE'S

A long life may not
be good enough,
but a good life
is
long enough.

MWB Benjamin Franklin

In Support of our Youth

On another note, our youth groups will be active all summer and if you get bored sitting at home on the thumbs, please make a note that Ferndale Rainbow meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at the Ferndale Masonic Hall; Mt. Vernon Rainbow meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at the Mt. Vernon Hall and the DeMolay boys meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays again at the Mt. Vernon Hall. All meetings start at 7 PM and it would be so awesome to see the sidelines full. Please come if your cable tow reaches that far. I promise you will not be disappointed!

Fraternally and Sincerely, George Edwards - Masonic Youth Committee

Far better it is to dare mighty things,
to win glorious triumphs,
even though checkered by failure,
than to take rank with those
poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor
suffer much, because they
live in the gray twilight that
knows not victory nor defeat.

- Brother Theodore Roosevelt

Help me to be, to think, to act what is right, because it is right; make me truthful, honest, and honorable in all things;
make me intellectually honest, for the sake of right and honor and without thought of reward to me.

Give me the ability to be charitable, forgiving, and patient with my fellowmen - help me
to understand their motives and their shortcomings - even as Thou understandest mine!

Amen, Amen, Amen.

A prayer used many times by MWB Harry S. Truman

Lynden Lodge on the move

Lynden Lodge calendar for February 2009

June 4	Stated Communication	7:30 PM (FMC)
June 13	Highway Clean-up	9:00 AM (BMC)
June 18	Special Meeting, Step-up	7:30 PM (FMC)
June 12	Last day for Strawberry Sale	
June 27	Buyers pick up Strawberry Orders	
Thursdays	Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon Restaurant	Noon
	(FMC) Ferndale Masonic Center (BMC) Bellingham Masonic Center	

Lynden Masonic Lodge Strawberry Fund Raiser

This is the first year of the Lynden Masonic Lodge Strawberry Fund Raiser. Funds raised from this project will be used to support all Lynden Lodge Community Service Projects. The more money we can raise, the better we can serve our community. Strawberries can be ordered until June 12 and orders will be delivered to the buyers at 4 different locations on June 27. These are local berries and they are available in 1 gal., 2 gal. or 4 gal. containers. The prices for the containers are \$18.00, \$30.00 and \$50.00 respectively. The berries are cleaned, hulled, chopped and lightly sugared and ready to eat.

We hope to expand the number of children processed under our CHIP Program which provides parents with Identification Materials that can aid Law Enforcement people in identifying lost, missing or abducted children. Our Bikes 4 Books program has proved to increase book reading by elementary school children. Our Scholarships for High School Seniors and our Educator of the Year programs recognize and encourage education of children in our schools. These projects not only benefit the community, but they also create a favorable image of Masonry in the minds of the residents.

Lynden Masonic Lodge Visitations

During the month of May, Lynden Masonic Lodge participated in two Visitations of Note. On May 6, six brothers visited Greenwood Masonic Lodge No. 253, which is the home lodge where WM Dick Myhre was raised in April, 1947. We were warmly welcomed and WM Dick was able to ballot on a candidate for Masonry.

On May 14, 10 Lynden Brothers visited Joppa Masonic Lodge No. 112 in White Rock, BC. Not only were we warmly received, but we were able to enjoy their famous Crab Dinner. In addition, Lynden Lodge received the Joppa Lodge Traveling Gavel to have and display until the Joppa brothers visit Lynden Lodge and retrieve the handsome gavel.

Thanks for your good work in producing the District 10 Newsletter.

WM Dick



Come Help us Celebrate the Open Installation of Officers of Bethel No. 25

Honored Queen - Courtney Scheffler
Senior Princess - Sarah Kronewitter
Guide - Mychal Smith
Marshall - Marissa Morse

Date: Sunday, June 7th

Time: 4:30 PM

With Italian Dinner & Dessert reception to follow

Location: The Bellingham Masonic Center
2626 W. Maplewood Ave.

Please call if you have questions or need directions
360-671-5554

Masonic Leadership - Report

The Masonic Leadership Association met Saturday, May, 19 2009 at the Bellingham Masonic Center. Bellingham # 44 was the Host. Attendance of fifteen Masons held steady from the immediate past meeting in March. The April meeting, which was to have been held in Friday Harbor, was cancelled due to a conflict in dates with a Grand Lodge organizational meeting. A vote to meet in Friday Harbor, with San Juan Lodge # 175 as Host, was taken and approved. Therefore, MLA will meet in Friday Harbor on November 21, 2009.

Further, a change in venue from the Bellingham Masonic Center to the Nooksack Lodge facilities was approved for the September 19, 2009 meeting. Nooksack Lodge # 105 has made considerable improvement to their facilities and would like for all to see the results. If you haven't attended Lodge there for awhile, you will be impressed.

Ken Gass reported on the MEC Scholarship Awards Program Night. It was a successful evening with a capacity crowd for the 43rd annual event.

The Special Program at the May 9th meeting was given by Jerry Mason, Grand Lodge CHIPS Committee member. At least two additional Lodges in District 10 have expressed interest in participating in this worthwhile program.

May was the last MLA meeting until September. Three dates to record on your calendar:

- June 13, 2009 Highway Clean Up.
- August 2, 2009, MLA picnic at Cornwall Park in Bellingham, and October 10, 2009, District Meeting at the Bellingham Masonic Center.

Please note special thanks to Kulshan Int. Lodge # 186 for giving up their November Host duties in favor of San Juan Lodge #175.

The next MLA meeting will be at 10:00 AM, September 19, 2009 in Nooksack .

This is How Masons Worked

Jack Sprouls ~ President

Here is what *Bellingham Bay* has going on.

Friday the 5th – Special, 7:30. June is our upside down month. Come for fellowship & Masonic instruction.

Saturday the 13th – Masonic Highway Clean Up. We will be leaving from the Maplewood Masonic Center (rear) by 9:00 am. Join us!

Friday the 19th – Stated meeting, 7:30. The Lodge will supply all-meat dogs and other summer food at 6:30. Business will all be pre-printed, Grand Lodge highlights (?) will be touched on *AND* we will Raise Brother Kyle Grafstrom to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Come to fill your stomach and the sidelines!

Saturday the 27th – Lodge summer picnic for family & friends, 5 to 8 p.m., Cornwall Park south entrance via Cornwall Ave, pass the Masonic plaque to P.B. Cornwall (check it out). Lodge will supply paperware, burgers (veggies too) & dogs, and pop, members supply silverware if desired and salads & dessert to share. Bring toys: horseshoes, tennis equipment, Frisbees, etc.
WM George Edwards



Speculative Masonry meets Operative Masonry

Records in the Grand Lodge of Scotland Museum indicate that Bro. George Washington recruited six Masons from Edinburgh, Scotland to help build the White House in Washington, DC. All six became founding members of the Federal Masonic Lodge #1 of Washington D.C.

One of these Brethren was none other than Bro. James Hoban, who built the United States Capitol and the White House. He was a devout Catholic and ardent Mason. Federal Lodge #1 was formed under his leadership by a group of Irish Catholics and Scotch Presbyterians. Bro. James Hoban was the first Worshipful Master of Federal Lodge #1.

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.

A MAN PLUCK OFF HIS SHOE & GIVE IT TO HIS NEIGHBOR

In a small town in mid-19th century America a young man said to his wife, "Mary, you have a shawl you never use. May I have it?"

She was puzzled for a few moments, but got the shawl. He thanked her and left the house. She was also suspicious, because several evenings during the past few months he had left after dinner without any explanation. He was never gone long, and when he returned he seemed to have an inner peace about him. He said nothing, and neither did she.

About a week later, Mary was shopping in the village when she saw her shawl again. She was shocked. It was on the shoulders of a beautiful young lady. Angriily Mary followed the girl to a shabby shack. Mary knocked on the door. The girl opened it and smiled when she saw the visitor. She held the door open and Mary stomped in. As Mary looked around she saw an elderly lady propped up on a cot. The lady smiled and said: "How nice of you to visit us." Mary was stunned. She did not really know what to say. The girl asked if she could fix her a cup of tea. Mary nodded and the girl turned to put a kettle on the stove.

While the water was heating, Mary said "I do not know exactly what to say, so I will tell you the truth. I saw my shawl on your daughter and I was furious. Last week my husband asked me for it, but didn't tell me why. I still don't understand how you have it." The mother said "We have no idea who left it. We have no idea who has been doing some nice things for us for the past several months. Perhaps now we can solve the mystery. It started soon after my husband died. We had no money and I am unable to work. And Nancy couldn't find a job. We were desperate. We had no food and no fuel. Then one morning when Nancy opened the door she found several packages of food, clothing and coal on the doorstep. You have no idea what that meant to us.

"A short time later, along with more packages, Nancy found a note telling her to see Mr. Tompkins, the lawyer, if she would like a job. She did and Mr. Tompkins hired her. He sent a doctor to see me, and he has been coming regularly ever since. He won't take any money. And we still find packages, but have no idea where they come from."

They drank their tea and chatted pleasantly for some time. The mysterious packages were mentioned from time to time. Suddenly Mary asked: "Was your husband a Mason?" "Yes, he was," said the lady. "He loved his Lodge. I don't think he ever missed a meeting." A short time later Mary left, promising to visit often.

After dinner that evening, Mary worked on a quilt she was making while her husband read. She looked up from her work and said "I think I learned the great secret of Masonry today." Her husband looked at her with alarm and asked, "And what is it?" Mary answered, "To do good and not say anything about it."

The Masons of that small town had plucked off their shoes to help those in need. SHOULD WE DO ANYTHING LESS? Millions of great men have been and are members of the Craft. Many have become truly Master Masons. But more have not. Actually, only a few Freemasons over the years literally plucked off a shoe and worked for the Fraternity. Imagine what a wonderful difference it should make throughout the world if only those millions who have received the Degrees would fulfill their obligations. Will you ask yourself - "Have I sincerely plucked off my shoe in testimony of my fidelity to Freemasonry?" If your answer is "No," will you consider plucking off your shoe? Will you work for your fellowman through Freemasonry? If you will, you'll make a difference for the better in today's uncertain world.

Extracted verbatim from the website of metropolitan lodge # 352,
Downey, California
Sent to Cinosam by WB Douglas E. Pamp

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
	1 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30, F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	2 NWSC - Zem Zem 6, Dinner 7, Meet. 8 p. ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	3 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	4 L # 56 7:30 pm Stated Comm. W 151 - Special Comm. - 6:30	5 BB # 44 stated 7:30 p. (SRH)	6
7 Bethel No 25 Installation of Officers - 4:30 p	8 F # 264 - stated, at 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	9 F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	10 NV # 105 - 6 p.	11 Grand Lodge of WA Bethel # 25 at 7 p.	12 Grand Lodge of WA	13 Grand Lodge of WA Highway Clean-Up, meet at W. Maplewood 9 am. (part of the state-wide Earth Day "Month" activities)
14	15 Bellingham Chapter Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	16 KI # 186 7:30 p ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Board. Meeting	17	18 W 151-stated lodge lite dinner at 5:30, lodge opens 6:30 p. We are planning to confer a ? Deg.	19 BB 44 7:30 pm. (SRH)	20
21	22	23 F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	24	25	26	27 Bethel #25 at 7 p. BB #44 holds its lodge family picnic at Cornwall Park, 5 to 8 pm.
28	29	30 "I have written too much history to have any faith in it; and if anyone thinks I'm wrong, I'm inclined to agree with him." <i>Brother Harry S. Truman</i>				

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

- To:
- June 1st - John F. Browne
 - June 2nd - Frank J. McKain
 - June 3rd - Robert G. Lipke
 - June 3rd - Boyd G. McEwen
 - June 6th - Zachery G. Carter
 - June 6th - Joel R. Douglas
 - June 21st - Corvin L. Kepplinger
 - June 26th - Jonathan P. Blair