



# Letters from District No. 10

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## Whatcom Lodge Report

**Special Communication:** Our Thurs. May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was attended by 19 Whatcom Brothers and 8 visitors. The purpose of this Special was to confer the MM Degree on Bro. Bruce Smith. We also had three young men, interested in joining Masonry, attend our pre-meeting dinner.

**Degree:** The degree was conferred by VW Terrell Goertz with WB Thom Baughn as SD and the Working Tools were presented by JW Ken Peck. The *Master's Lecture* was given by VW Glenn Hutchings & WB Jesse Petersen and the *Charge* given by VW John Browne. At the conclusion of the degree Bro. Bruce signed the By-Laws, paid his Dues and was taken West of the Altar where he was congratulated by the brethren.

**Stated Communication:** The May 18<sup>th</sup> Sated meeting was attended by 14 Whatcom Brothers and 1 visitor, WB Arnie Hanson WM of Bellingham Bay #44. Also in attendance was VW Don Higgerson WM of Lynden Int. #56 (who is a Whatcom Brother) and VW Terrell Goertz DDGM (also member of Whatcom Lodge). All were given a hearty welcome.

**Masonic Education:** It was reported by SW Craig Bruner that we now have Comcast Business Internet at the Bellingham Masonic Center, which is co-supported by Whatcom Lodge and the York Rite Brothers.

SW Craig Bruner also presented to the Lodge three old, but in fair shape, degree trestle-boards. These were manufactured in the 1860's and their color is still good. It was moved, 2nd and approved by the brethren to spend up to \$1,000 to have these trestle-boards framed for protection and to be able to hang them from the wall.

**Petitions:** Two Petitions were given their first Readings: one is for Plural Membership and the other for the Degrees of Masonry. Investigation Committees were appointed for each and are due to report back at the June 15<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication.

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

**Consolidation:** WM Paul Brainard read a letter from WB Jesse Petersen, Sec'y of Ferndale Lodge advising that the brethren of Ferndale Lodge voted against a consolidation with Whatcom Lodge.

**Sickness & relief:** WB Ted Schuman reported that WB Bill Hall is slowly recovering and expected to be with us for some time (great news!).

**Next Special Communication:** is on June the 1<sup>st</sup>. The next Stated Communication will be on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. For both meetings Dinner is at 5:30 pm and Lodge opens at 6:30 pm.

*Faternally,* John Browne, Secretary ... **Contact info is at bottom right corner, page 4**

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

**Jun 2<sup>th</sup>** Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

**Jun 12<sup>th</sup>** Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 pm

**Jun 15<sup>th</sup>** Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

**Jun 22<sup>th</sup>** Lynden Int. Lodge - 7 pm

## Up-coming Events

**Military Appreciation Night...** Friday evening June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bellingham Bay Lodge will honor our military. Social hour at 6 with a no-cost dinner at 6:30 pm. Open Lodge, families invited, non-tiled at 7:30. **RSVP** to Sec'y Russ Weston [see page 2](#).

**The 160<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Annual Communication...** will be on June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> in Yakima WA.

**Election of Officers....** Ferndale Lodge will hold it's annual election of Officers at it's Stated Communication on Monday June 12<sup>th</sup>. Lodge opens at 7:30 pm.

**Feast of St John the Baptist....** Whatcom Lodge is hosting a Feast of St. John the Baptist on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. All Whatcom County Masons, related bodies & families at invited. **RSVP** is need so see Ad at bottom of page 2.

**Installation of Officers.....** Ferndale Lodge will hold it's installation of Officers on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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: [www.WhatcomMasonicLodge.org](http://www.WhatcomMasonicLodge.org)

## Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

Jun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Special Meeting	7:00 PM
Jun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

**Consideration of consolidation of memberships.** At the May stated communications of Ferndale Lodge No. 264 and Lynden International Lodge No. 56, special committees were formed to consider the consolidation of the memberships of these two Lodges. Both committees are committed to closely examining the advantages, as well as the disadvantages, of consolidation in a manner that is thorough, expeditious and transparent.

**June stated communication.** The June stated communication will be on the fourth Thursday instead of the second Thursday. This change in our Standing Resolutions was made in 2015 so that there would be no possible conflict with the Grand Lodge annual communication. The fourth Thursday this year is June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We tyle the Lodge at 7:00 PM.

**Annual election of officers.** Standing Resolution #6, Annual Election of Officers, Part 1 states: The annual election of officers of the Lodge shall be held at the next stated communication after the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. This year the next stated communication after the annual communication of Grand Lodge is the fourth Thursday in June (the 22<sup>nd</sup>). Please plan on attending Lodge that night as the election of officers is one of the most important actions taken by the Lodge each year.

**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.

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## Ferndale Lodge No. 264

Contrary to what we noted in the May newsletter Ferndale Lodge will hold it's Stated Communication on Monday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. VW Terrell Goertz will sit in the East and conduct the business of the Lodge. Most importantly we will hold our annual election of Officers for the 2017-18 term.

We are planning to host the Installation of Officers at our June 26<sup>th</sup> Special Communication.

WM Landon Estes

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

**Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> Special: Military Appreciation Night** Social at 6:00 pm, no charge dinner at 6:30, and the program at 7:30. Not a tyled meeting. Open Lodge. Families invited! Please **RSVP** to Russ Weston at 671-7862 or [russweston@juno.com](mailto:russweston@juno.com). We hope to hear from the VFW, Wounded Warrior Project, and an Honor Flight Honoree.

**Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> Stated:** This meeting will be about Grand Lodge stuff.

**Note:** Bellingham Bay goes dark in July. Practice FC degree on our August special.

WM Arne Hanson  
Bellingham Bay #44

## Highway Cleanup Program

We had another successful cleanup in May. We covered half of the 2 1/2 miles and collected 36 bags of garbage! A huge thank you for these fine folks:

Arne Hansen, BB 44, Dave Nelson, Whatcom 151  
Russ Weston, BB 44, Bob Langer, Ferndale 264  
Rick Kiene, BB 44, Loren White of BB 44 and his girl friend Belinda.

We're planning another highway cleanup for one of the last two weekends in June. My summer is filling up fast, so we have to nail the dates down quick! Email me at [c.huchel@gmail.com](mailto:c.huchel@gmail.com) if you would like to help!

WB Chris Huchel

## Whatcom Lodge hosts the Feast of St. John the Baptist

Whatcom Lodge will host a Feast of St John the Baptist picnic on June 24<sup>th</sup> for all Whatcom County Masons and affiliated organizations, their families and their invited guests.

The picnic will begin at 2pm at 8148 Comox Rd. in Birch Bay (home of Junior Warden Ken Peck). *Burgers, Brats and Baked Beans will be provided.*

Please bring a side dish and your favorite beverage. **RSVP** at this link:  
[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080F4BA4AF2BABFD0-feast](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080F4BA4AF2BABFD0-feast)

# 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

Putting Contest: 3 putts/\$3.00 at the putting course.  
Prize 50% of entry fees

## 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. See you at the grill!



## 2017 OES CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT NILE SHRINE GOLF COURSE, MOUNTLAKE LAKE TERRACE Friday July 28, 2017

Forms to participate as a Sponsor, Golf Team or to simply attend the Buffet can be downloaded from the Whatcom Lodge 151 Website:

[www.WhatcomMasonicLodge.org](http://www.WhatcomMasonicLodge.org)

Or contact Whatcom Lodge Secretary John Browne  
at: [jbrowne.brf@gmail.com](mailto:jbrowne.brf@gmail.com)

## GOLF BBQ BUFFET ONLY - \$30.00 PER PERSON

Friday, July 28, 2017  
Nile Shrine Golf Center, Mountlake Terrace, WA  
Dinner at approximately 6:00 PM  
Dinner will include, Salmon, BBQ Chicken & Country Style Ribs  
Served with a variety of side dishes

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Nbr \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT: Fill out and return with remittance by **July 19<sup>th</sup>** to:  
**Janet Pitcher 4616 Boardwalk Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226**  
Make checks payable to: **Grand Chapter of Washington**

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
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm.	<b>2</b> BB # 44 - Open Spl. Military Appreciation Night. <b>RSVP</b> to Russ Weston See pages 1 & 2.	<b>3</b>  <i>Farmers Day Parade (Lynden)</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Hesperus Commandery No. 8 - 7:30	<b>6</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	<b>7</b> V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	<b>8</b> L # 56 Special, 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	<b>9</b> Grand Lodge of WA 160 <sup>th</sup> Annual Communication.	<b>10</b> Grand Lodge of WA 160 <sup>th</sup> Annual Communication.
<b>11</b>  <i>Deming Log Show</i>	<b>12</b> F # 264 - 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	<b>13</b> Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm	<b>14</b> V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm  <i>Flag Day</i>	<b>15</b> W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	<b>16</b> BB 44 Stated Comm 7:30 p. (SRH)	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>  <i>Fathers's day</i>	<b>19</b> Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>20</b> ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	<b>21</b> V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm  <i>Summer Solstice</i>	<b>22</b> L # 56 Stated meeting 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> F # 264 - 7:30 p	<b>27</b> Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM	<b>28</b> Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>

## Widows & Orphans Fund for District No. 10

If you would like to know more about the W & O Fund contact one of the officers listed below.

at

WB Jesse Petersen at 360- **319-5556**,

or you may contact your Lodge Secretary  
or your Worshipful Master.

*Fraternally,*  
President, **Jesse Petersen** - Vice President



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