



Letters from District No. 10

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HANDS ACROSS the BORDER

Hosted by Lynden Lodge No. 56

Date: Thursday, March 5th

Time: 5:30 pm ~-Social
6:00 pm Prime Rib or Salmon Dinner

Don't wait to make your *RSVP*, seating will be limited.

The cost is \$20 with an *RSVP*
OR, \$25 without

For more details see Lynden Lodge on the Move, on page 2

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

- Mar 4th San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Mar 5th Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Mar 6th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
- Mar 9th Ferndale Lodge - 7:20 pm
- Mar 10th Fairhaven Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Mar 11th Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
- Mar 17th Kulshan Int. Lodge - 7:30 p
- Mar 19th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Whatcom Lodge Report

Greetings fellow Whatcom brothers.

On Wednesday, January 28th the 1st Degree was conferred on Mr. Terrell Goertz by WB Bill Hall. There was a good sized assembly of brothers in attendance. The working Tools were given by Bro. Tim Johnson, the Apron lecture by VW Glenn Hutchings, the Deg. Lecture by VW Winton Smith and VW John Browne gave the Charge. Bro. Goertz has been working hard since then and we plan to confer his 2nd Degree at our March Stated meeting.

A Special Communication was held on Thursday, February 5th. We had a nice dinner and then watched a very good Masonic video called Cleopatra's Needle. This video shows that the principles and symbolic tools of Masonry have their origins in the distant past. References to Masonic symbolism is found in ancient Chinese documents and physical symbols were discovered as part of the base for an ancient Egyptian obelisk, given to and transported to the United States in the late 1870's. The obelisk stands in New York's Central Park. After the show the brothers talked about the program and did some lodge planning.

February Stated - February 19th. We had a few bills to pay and a Petition for the Degrees of Masonry to ballot on. The Investigation Committee gave its report and then WM West opened the ballot. The result was *Fair, Clear* and *Bright*.

Degrees. The First Degree was conferred on Douglas Hopson by WB Bill Hall. WB John Burley gave the Apron lecture, VW Winton Smith gave the Degree lecture and VW John Browne gave the Charge.

Whatcom Lodge has donated its March 5th Special Communication evening, at the Bellingham Masonic Center, to help facilitate the Hands Across the Border dinner and stated meeting for Lynden Lodge No. 56. We hope you will join us in supporting the Deputy Grand Masters of both the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Washington and A. F. & A. M. Of British Columbia & Yukon.

Next Stated meeting: March 19th, a light meal at 5:30, lodge to begin opening at 6:30.

Have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day, it's the traditional Irish day to plant potatoes. Oh, and Daylight Saving Time begins on the eight and the First Day of Spring comes on March the 20th.

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

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Arthur Piccolo, age 81, passed away on February 6th, 2009. He was a member of both Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44 Whatcom Lodge No. 151.

Art was born May 2, 1927 to Reno and Minnie Piccolo, in Cosmopolis, Washington. He graduated from Weatherwax High School in Aberdeen, Washington in 1945. Art graduated from Grays Harbor College and attended Western Washington University.

Art joined the Navy in December 1945 and served in both the American Theater and Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He served aboard the USS Suisan as an aviation machinist mate third class and was honorably discharged with a victory medal in 1947.

Art married Marlene Briscoe in Aberdeen on February 23, 1951. They then moved to Bellingham and have resided here for 58 years. He owned and operated Marine Drive Service for forty years. Art also started and taught the auto mechanics class at Bellingham Vo-Tech until his retirement in 1991. Art was one of the founders of the Marietta Volunteer Fire Department and was their first fire chief. He was very active until his retirement.

Art is a 32nd degree Master Mason who belonged to Whatcom 151, Bellingham Bay 44 and Nile Temple in Seattle.

Art was elected to be made a Mason on 11/17/1960, he was Initiated on 12/1/1960, Passed on 2/2/1961 and Raised on 4/27/1961. Brother Art now resides in that Temple not made with hands and labors in the quarries of the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Lynden Lodge on the move

Lynden Lodge calendar for February 2009

Mar 4 th	Ritual Practice	7:30 PM
Mar 5 th	Hands Across the Border & Stated Mtg (BMC)	7:30 PM
Mar 19 th	Special Communication	7:30 PM
Mar 21 st	MLA Meeting (BMC)	10:00 AM

The HAB event will take place at the Bellingham Masonic Center

*All meetings are at the Ferndale Masonic Hall unless otherwise noted.

Brethren,

Lynden Lodge "Hands Across the Border" Dinner and Stated Communication

March 5 is the date of the Lynden Lodge Annual "Hands Across The Border" Dinner & Stated Meeting, in which we Honor the Deputy Grand Masters of Washington and British Columbia and Yukon. This meeting will be held at the Maplewood Masonic Hall at 2626 Maplewood Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225. The doors open at 5:00 PM, dinner starts at 6:00 PM, after which lodge opens at 7:30 PM for our regular Stated Meeting. This is an Annual Tradition for Lynden Lodge and it is usually well attended by many members of both jurisdictions and brotherly love and friendship is enjoyed by all.

Brothers planning to attend are urged to make reservations with WB Dick Decima ASAP at rhdecima@aol.com or 360-392-0145 and to select their entree of either Prime Rib or Salmon. Tickets will be purchased at the door. Those with advance reservations will pay \$20.00 and others will pay \$25.00.

A block of 15 rooms has been reserved at Hampton Inn in Bellingham for brothers wishing to get a good nights sleep, before making a long trip home. These rooms will be at a reduced price of \$84.00 plus tax, and room reservations can be made by calling the Inn at 360-733-8518.

Fraternally,
Dick Myher WM



KING'S QUOTE'S

So, I became a newspaperman.
I hated to do it but I couldn't find
Honest employment.

Bro. Mark Twain

Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105 - Rededication

There has been a change in the date for the Rededication Ceremonies at Nooksack.

The Ceremonies will commence at 7:00 pm on FRIDAY 27 MARCH, 2009, NOT Wednesday 25 March.

Grand Lodge will open in Ample Form sometime in the afternoon, followed by a No Host Dinner at Herb Niemann's Steak & Schnitzel Restaurant, 203 W. Main St, Everson, Wa.

I need a head count of who will be attending dinner as the staff at Herb's needs to know. They have a room set aside that will hold approx 50. Let me know ASAP.

Don't forget that the ceremonies are open to all so bring your ladies and other guests. Refreshments will follow the ceremony.

Fraternally, VW Frank Juntunen - Secretary

LYNDEN LODGE NO. 56 IS 2008 TWAINAWARD RECIPIENT

Lynden Lodge No. 56 recently was advised by Richard E. Fletcher, PGM VT and the Executive Director of the Masonic Service Association of North America (MSANA), that:

"Lynden Lodge # 56 has achieved the distinction of winning a Twain Award for 2008. Your lodge clearly demonstrated Masonic Awareness both within the lodge and the community."

The Mark Twain Masonic Awareness Award, honoring Bro. Samuel Langhorne Clemens, was created by the Masonic Service Association in 2006 to recognize those lodges, regardless of size, that demonstrate energy, innovation and initiative in creating a positive Masonic identity in the community and extol the values of Freemasonry.

In that inaugural year of 2006, from the thousands of lodges in North America, only 11 were selected. In 2007, 19 lodges were chosen and now, for 2008, 24 lodges were recipients. Up to 50 lodges may be selected in a year.

Prior to 2008, only one other Lodge in Washington, Bremerton #117, had won the Twain Award. In 2008, 3 Lodges in Washington, Lynden Lodge No. 56, Sequim Lodge No. 213 and Eureka Lodge No. 20, were recipients of the Twain Award. No other state in the country won 3 awards. Our Grand Master, MWB Douglas E. Tucker, is delighted!

MSANA states that it is a servant of Freemasonry. Formed and supported by Grand Lodges, it is a voice that can move to action, that the great heart of the Fraternity be made manifest and the will of a united Craft may be done. One of the primary functions of MSANA is the Masonic Information Center (MIC) which provides information on Freemasonry to Masons and non-Masons alike and responds to critics of Freemasonry.

Based on the MIC's commitment to improving public awareness, the Mark Twain Masonic Awareness Award recognizes lodges that have demonstrated exemplary work in constructing a positive Masonic identity within the lodge and for the local community. Awards are presented annually to the lodges that demonstrate exceptional commitment to Freemasonry's philosophy of self-improvement and enlightenment and, in the evaluation of the MIC Task Force, have successfully addressed the challenges of improving Masonic Awareness within both the lodge and the community and that the brothers have done so with exemplary skill, creativity, and resourcefulness.

Lynden Lodge No. 56 prepared its submission to the MIC based on the CHild Identification Program (CHIP), a volunteer effort to provide identification to families so that they have needed records and information on their children in the event a child becomes lost, missing or kidnapped.

CHIP was very successfully introduced at the Northwest Washington Fair in Lynden in August 2008 under the direction of program coordinator, Bro. Jerry Mason. More than 1200 children participated in the program.

Dick Decima - Secretary

Here is what *Bellingham Bay*
has going on.

Friday March 6th Stated meeting at 7:30 PM.

Friday March 20th Special meeting at 7:30.

Saturday the 21st Monthly meeting of the MLA at 10 AM at the Maplewood Masonic Center.

WM George Edwards

Comments on Life

The daily arguments over putting away the toys or practicing the piano defeat us so easily. We see them coming yet they frustrate us time and time again. In many cases, we are mothers and fathers who have managed budgets and unruly bosses and done difficult jobs well through sheer tenacity and dogged preparation. So why are we unable to persuade someone three feet tall to step into six inches of water at bath-time?

~ Cathy Rindner Tempelman

Before we set our hearts too much upon anything, let us examine how happy those are who already possess it.

~ Francois Duc de La Rochefoucauld, (1613 - 1680)

Throughout my childhood his {my father's} reaction to television was "There's nothing on it worthwhile, and we're not going to watch it in this household, and I don't want it in your intellectual diet."

~ Kent Farnsworth, son of Philo Farnsworth (1906 - 1971),
the inventor of television.

Order is a lovely nymph, the child of Beauty and Wisdom; her attendants are Comfort, Neatness, and Activity; her abode is the valley of happiness: she is always to be found when sought for, and never appears so lovely as when contrasted with her opponent, Disorder.

~ Samuel Johnson (1709 - 1784)

On the Master's Charge

I regularly receive Trestle Boards from several lodges and once in awhile I find articles and letters which speak to the heart of our brotherhood. Below is just such a letter and at the risk of repetition for those in District 9 (who get the District 10 Newsletter) I am reprinting it, with the permission of the author—thanks ~ John Browne - Editor

Dear Brothers and Fellows of District 9,

I visited my Mother Lodge in Seattle tonight (St. John's Lodge No. 9) wherein the Worshipful Master has a year focused on Masonic education spurred by one word during each stated meeting. Each word with a definition easily found but used in a Masonic context. Tonight's word was "juxtaposition". Actually, juxtaposition in this case was devoted in one small section of our standard work, the WM's Charge to Lodge at closing.

Tonight's discussion touched mainly on how we treat each other as Freemasons within our sacred retreat and that it should also be how we treat each other when we mingle again in the outer world. The following passage should be something we are all familiar with:

"Remember that at this alter you have promised to befriend and relieve every Brother who shall need your assistance. You have been enjoined to remind a Brother in the friendliest manner of his fault, to endeavor to aid his reformation, and to defend his character."

These are not just simple words to recite. No, these words hold the keys to the tenants of Freemasonry. Bro. Nicholas Mitchell said it best when he said, "...there should be no juxtaposition." There should be no wavering of brotherly love in or out of Lodge. No matter if you are the Grand Master, District Deputy, Worshipful Master, or a newly obligated Brother; we all need to meet each other fair, firm, and up-front in all our endeavors.

I found this discussion to be of key interest because I believe the Charge to the Lodge at closing to be the most important words uttered by the WM to the Brethren. This Charge summarizes all that is important in Freemasonry. This Charge IS our obligation.

I believe this Charge is something we should all focus on and ponder, and maybe if we do, may brotherly love prevail!

In Kind Regards, your Brother and Friend,

Brett C. Sandström

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	2 H esperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30, F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	3 NWSC - Zem Zem 6, Dinner 7, Meeting 8 p. ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	4 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	5 L # 56 7:30 pm Hands Across the Border - 5:30 social, dinner at 6 - see Ad on page 1.	6 BB # 44 stated 7:30 p. (SRH)	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9 F # 264 - stated, at 7:30 p. Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	10 F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	11 NV # 105 - 6 p.	12 Bethel # 25 at 7 p.	13	14
15	16 Bellingham Chapter Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	17 KI # 186 7:30 pm ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Board. Meeting St. Patrick's Day	18	19 W 151-stated lodge opens 6:30 p. We are planning to confer a Second Deg.	20 BB 44 7:30 pm. (SRH) The First Day of Spring	21 MFLA 10 a.
22	23	24 F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	25	26	27 Nooksack Valley Lodge # 105 - Rededication. Begins at 7 p.	28 Bethel #25 at 7 p.
29	30	31				

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

To:

March 1st - Robert W. Bailey

March 10th - Bryan L. Clifton

March 12th - Leon L. Scott

March 15th - Glenn W. Hutchings

March 20th - Michael J. Kukasky

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