



# Letters from District No. 10

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March 2010

Is your calendar set on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> ?

For the annual Spring **Hands Across the Border**  
dinner & filed meeting

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

Lynden Lodge will be moving its Charter  
To the Bellingham Masonic Center  
2626, W. Maplewood Ave.

Times: Social period - 5:30 PM; Dinner - 6:00 PM; Lodge - 7:30 PM

**Price:** \$20.00 for an advanced ticket or \$25.00 **at the door**  
(Any proceeds in excess of costs will go toward  
the Bikes 4 Books program)

Ticket sales for the dinner will be limited to 100 due to space restrictions in the dining hall. Reservations may be made by calling *WB Dick Decima* at 360-392-0145 or by Email at: [rhdecima@aol.com](mailto:rhdecima@aol.com).

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	Ferndale Lodge - 7:30- pm
Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm
Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>	Whatcom Lodge - 6:30 pm
Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>	Kulshan Int. Lodge - 10:30 am

### Whatcom Lodge Report

**Stated Meeting** - Our stated meeting was held on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> and the attendance was very good, a total of 28 brothers were on hand, including the candidate, who is the newest EAM in our Lodge. The usual bills were taken care of but one item of business was tabled. The proposal for a new standing rule is now scheduled for the stated meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Petitions:** The Investigation Committees for the petitions of Mr. Ian Geddes and Mr. Tanvir Sidhu were both unanimous in recommending that their petitions be *granted*. The ballot result for each was *Fair, Clear & Bright* and Mr. Ian Geddes and Mr. Tanvir Sidhu became the newest members of Whatcom Lodge. We have now acted on all petitions in hand. However, WB Bill Hall, WB Ted Schuman and I have met with a new prospect and we'll see what happens.

**Degrees** - At our Special Communication on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Bro. Jakob Frisch was raised to the Sublime Degree in due form. The degree was done in fine fashion and it's satisfying to note that the entire degree team was filled by Whatcom Lodge brothers. We can thank the hard work done by several of our new members who have stepped up to learn parts for the Third Degree. This bodes well for our future degrees.

The Entered Apprentice Degree for Mr. Mozelewski, conferred on 2/18/2010, was very ably done by VW Glenn Hutchings. The Preparatory Lecture was give by Honorary PM WB Thom Baughn, the Apron Lecture by Bro. Monte Thompson, Working Tools by WB Bill Hall, Master's Lecture by Honorary PM VW Winton Smith and the Charge given by VW John Browne. WB Mike Johnston and Bro. Frank Myers were the JW & SW respectively, during the degree and delighted to so as they both have known Bro. "Ski" a long time.

**Proficiency** - Bro. Joe Barratt performed the FC Posting Lecture on 2/4/2010 and Bro. Jesse Peterson performed the EA Posting Lecture on 2/18/2010. Both brothers did excellent work and are now ready for the MM and FC degrees respectively. It is working out well to have a degree and proficiency coordinator in WB Ted Schuman and our proficiency coaches are doing a splendid job with our new members.

**Next Special Communication** - Whatcom Lodge has graciously turned over their use of the Bellingham Masonic Center on March 4<sup>th</sup> to Lynden Lodge, who will be hosting the *Hands Across the Border* Spring event. See Ad above. The next actual Special Communication will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> and the plan is to confer the EA Degree on Mr. Tanvir Sidhu.

**Next Stated Meeting** - Our next Stated Meeting is on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the regular business of the lodge we plan to confer the EA Degree on Mr. Ian Geddes. Brothers your attendance is always welcome, see you soon!

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

**March**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Stated & Hands Across the Border
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Lynden Scholarship judging
- 10<sup>th</sup> Special, Visit Nooksack Lodge
- 20<sup>th</sup> MLA

April 15: John Tennant presentation, Lynden Pioneer Museum

A Bikes 4 Books presentation was conducted at Meridian Middle School on February 4. During February and March additional bicycles and helmets will be placed in the Meridian and Lynden schools. The program has been very well received and is the primary community support program this year for Lynden Lodge.

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, with assistance of Brethren from several District 10 Lodges, Sean O'Heir was raised to the sublime Master Mason degree. We are very appreciative of the support and assistance received.

Lynden Lodge will present Rembrandt Peale's "Porthole Portrait" of George Washington to Lynden Library on his birthday at 7:00 PM on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be the first time that Mount Vernon's Back to School project has allowed the painting to be presented to a public Library in the United States. We are fortunate to have MWB Wayne Smith, Past Grand Master, scheduled to give a short talk on George Washington that evening. All District 10 brethren are encouraged to attend as well as community members.

Spring Hands Across the Border will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Bellingham Masonic Center on Maplewood. Whatcom Lodge #151 has generously given up their Special Meeting night to allow us to hold the event there. This year we will honor the Deputy Grand Masters from British Columbia and Yukon and Washington.....RW Bro. J. Alan Cross and RW Bro. G. Santy Lascano. Attendees are limited to 97. Reservations are approximately two thirds full at this point. Please reserve with WB Dick Decima, [rhdecima@aol.com](mailto:rhdecima@aol.com), soon and let him know your menu choice, prime rib or salmon.

On April 15, after paying your taxes, please join us at the Lynden Pioneer Museum for a presentation on Brother John Tennant, an early, colorful member of Lynden Lodge, and one of the first ministers at the United Methodist Church in Lynden. Members of Bellingham Bay, from whence Lynden Lodge originated, will be our special guests.

Please visit us or join us at one of the above mentioned events. Your ideas and support are welcome and needed.

Jack A. Sprouls, WM

The Whatcom Brothers send their wishes for the following brothers who have birthdays in the month of March.

A Very Happy Birthday To:

Bro. Robert W. Bailey - March 1<sup>st</sup>

Bro. Bryan L. Clifton - March 10<sup>th</sup>

Bro. Leon L. Scott Jr. - March 12<sup>th</sup>

VW. Glenn W. Hutchings - March 15<sup>th</sup>

Bro. Michael J. Kukasky - March 20<sup>th</sup>

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A MAN PLUCKED OFF HIS SHOE  
and GAVE IT TO HIS NEIGHBOR

In a small town in mid-19<sup>th</sup> 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. Angrily 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. Continued on page 3

Here is what *Bellingham Bay* has going on.

**Friday March 5th** stated meeting to be opened on Master Mason degree at 7:30 to install our Senior Deacon. We will then call down to the Entered Apprentice Degree and vote on a petition for the degrees of Masonry.

**Friday March 19th** special communication at 7:30 to be opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree and then confer an Entered Apprentice degree.

**Friday March 26th** Monthly S.W.'s coffee and practice session at 7:00 PM.

WM Gary Pitcher

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"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 fellow-man 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

***NW Shrine Club*** Nobles & Ladies, on Tuesday March 2, 2010 the Northwest Shrine Club will hold it's monthly Dinner meeting at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli and Ale House 709 W. Orchard Drive.

To celebrate St. Paddy's day we will be having Corn Beef, Cabbage, Red Potatoes, Carrots, Garden Salad, Rolls, Coffee, Tea and Dessert. All for the price of \$17.00 per person. For reservations call Noble Ron Fine at 360-676-5747 or E-mail me at [RonFine2@aol.com](mailto:RonFine2@aol.com). **DEADLINE IS THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2010.**

There is a new owner of Jeckyl & Hyde, Mr. Richard van Dommelen, who is very nice and would like us to continue having our dinners there, but in order to keep the price at \$17.00 per person we have to have a minimum of 40 people attending the dinners.

There will be an interesting speaker for our dinner meeting. If you haven't met our new officers for this year, please come and meet them and see old friend and make new ones. The Sunshine Committee has been very busy this last month, many phone calls were made and 8 cards were sent out ( Noble John Burley, Noble Bob Brower, Noble George & Lady Edwards, Noble Opie Brock, Lady Margaret Wyngaert). Please keep these Nobles and Ladies in your thoughts and prayers also a phone call or card would be nice. Noble Rod Dement and his Lady just celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary, Noble Scott Slagle just had a Birthday.

Remember Nobles and Ladies our Shrine Club is only as good as we make it. See all of you at the monthly meeting Tuesday March 2, 2010.

Yours in Faith,  
Ron Fine, Secretary

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### On the theme of Two Kinds . . .

There are only two classes in society: those who get more than they earn, and those who earn more than they get.

~ *Holbrook Jackson*

People are eternally divided into two classes, the believer, builder, and praiser, and the unbeliever, destroyer, and critic. ~ *John Ruskin*, 1819 - 1900

There are two kinds of people in the world: the Givers and the Takers. The difference between the two is that the Takers eat well, and the Givers sleep well at night.

~ *Joy Mills*

People can be divided into two classes: those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit still and inquire, Why wasn't it done the other way?

~ *Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.*, 1809 - 1894

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>1</b> Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30, F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>2</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	<b>3</b> SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC) Scot. Rite Stated. Din 6:30, mtg at 7:30 p	<b>4</b> L # 56 HAB - stated meeting 7:30 pm at the Bellingham Masonic Center. W #151 - join us at HAB	<b>5</b> BB # 44 stated 7:30 pm.	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> F # 264 - 7:30 p. Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	<b>9</b> F # 73-stated 7 pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	<b>10</b> NV # 105 - 6 pm	<b>11</b> Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Daylight saving time begins	<b>15</b> Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>16</b> ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Brd. Meeting	<b>17</b> Scot. Rite, Deg or Study Session 7:30  St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> W #151-stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm	<b>19</b> BB #44 Stated Meeting 7:30 p. (SRH)	<b>20</b> MLA 10 am is hosted by Fairhaven #73.  First Day of Spring
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> F # 73-Spl. Com 7:00 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	<b>24</b> Scot. Rite. Temp Brd mtg-5:30, Din at 6:30 Exec Brd 7 pm.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> KI # 186, stated, at 10:30 am.  **Bethel #25 is moved to Monday March 29th**
<b>28</b> Palm Sunday	<b>29</b> Bethel #25 at 7 pm	<b>30</b> First Day of Passover	<b>31</b>	Thank you to all of my very kind Brothers, who recently visited me during my bout with pneumonia, you are the Best! I am being well attended by my lovely wife Vivian. I hope to see you soon again in lodge. <i>Regards, WB John Burley</i>		

*It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential and is invisible to the eye.*

~ Antoine De Saint-Exupery (1900 - 1944) French Aviator, Writer

"Find a Lodge whose Master and other officers are leaders in the true sense of the word, and you will find a Lodge in which the Brethren value their membership, participate in the activities of the Lodge, keep their membership active, and through their actions, in and out of the Lodge, attract other good men to petition for the Degrees."

M.W. Brother Houston A. Brian,  
Past Grand Master, Arkansas



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