



Letters from District No. 10

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

Whatcom Lodge Report

Special Communication: Our Thurs. February 2nd meeting was attended by 18 Whatcom Brothers and 1 guest. WB Ted Schuman kindly sat in for our Sec'y, country Browne who was snowed-in.

Masonic education: WB Paul showed his personal square that he uses as a contractor, drawing upon it as an example of "near perfection"; such that we should each strive for similar perfection by acting in our lives on the square. He then passed out copies of a book entitled "2 second lean", based on the Toyota co. manufacturing model. It suggests that each day we should try to improve on something in our lives, no matter how small, in our attempts to chip off the rough parts of our stones.

Presentation: VW Glenn made a presentation to WB Thom and WB Monte of items of memorabilia retrieved from our VWB Ed Jungbloom.

Stated Communication: The February 16th Sated meeting was attended by 17 Whatcom Brothers and 3 visitors: Br. Joe Jenkins, Br. Scott Jenkins and WB Ken Gass who were all given a hearty welcome.

Masonic Education: WM Paul Brainard read the January Short Talk Bulletin entitled "Memorization." It was very informative, presenting a good system for memorization skills.

Planning committee report: WM Paul reported on a recent planning meeting. Several events are up-coming including a lodge night at the movies and a third annual campout at the Masonic Park. Some details are in this newsletter and be sure to check out Web-site for up-dated information.

Monthly luncheon: Our second monthly luncheon was held on Tuesday, February 21st, and was well attended. After lunch, WB Ted Schuman, WB John Brown and Sec'y John Browne completed the Audit for WM Chris Bonner's Term of 2015-2016.

Consolidation: WM Paul appointed a committee to meet with a committee from Ferndale Lodge #264 regarding a possible merger. The committee to report back at the March Stated Meeting. Ted Schuman, Craig Bruner and Glenn Hutchings comprise the committee with Tim Springstead advising.

Next Meetings: The next Spl. is Thursday, March 2nd and the next Stated is on Thursday March 16th. Dinners at 5:30, Lodge at 6:30 pm.

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

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Mar 3rd Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
Mar 9th Lynden Int. Lodge - 7 pm
Mar 13th Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 pm
Mar 16th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Up-coming Events

NWSC Dinner...On Tuesday March 7th the NWSC will hold it's monthly meeting. Zem Zem at 6:30 p.m. followed by a wonderful dinner prepared by Jeckly/Hyde Restaurant. Visitors are welcome, see page 3.

Whatcom goes to the Movies....On Sunday March 19th Whatcom Lodge goes to the movies. no-host dinner at Bob's Burger's and Brew in Barkley Village – we have reservations for 5:30-6:00 in their back room. RSVP to Ted Schuman by March 17th.

Shrine Bellingham Outreach Clinic.....On Saturday March 25th, see page 3!

110th Trowel Exchange...On Monday April 3rd members of Bellingham Bay #44 will travel North to visit Union Solomon Lodge for their 110th Trowel Exchange.

Entered Apprentice Degree.....on Thursday, April 6th Whatcom Lodge plans to confer an EA Degree should balloting go as expected at this Marche's Stated Communication.

Hands Across the Border..... The Spring HAB event, hosted by Lynden Int. Ldg. on April 13th. Soc. hr. at 5 pm, dinner served at 5:30 and a Tyled Lodge opens at 7 pm. See page 2.

Master Mason Degree...on Thursday, May 4th Whatcom Lodge will confer the Master Mason Degree on Bro. Bruce Smith. Dinner at 5:30, lodge at 6:30 pm.

Whatcom Lodge Campout...July 27-30 we'll be back out camping see details on page 2.

Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

Mar 9 th	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM
Mar 23 rd	Special Meeting	7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

Widows luncheon:

Our annual luncheon honoring our widows (and widowers) was held on February 12th at the Raspberry Ridge Golf Club restaurant on the Hannegan Road. These get-togethers always are fun and this year was no exception. WB Glenn Boodey was the Master of Ceremonies. Seven widows were honored.

Spring 2017 Hands Across the Border:

Please join us on Thursday, April 13, 2017 when Lynden International Lodge No. 56 will honor RWB Ron Yates, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of British Columbia & Yukon, and RWB Warren Schoeben, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington, at our Spring *Hands Across the Border* event. The social period will be at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. The Lodge will be tyled at 7:00 pm. We are cordially inviting the Worshipful Masters, officers and all members of Whatcom County Lodges to join us that evening at the Ferndale Masonic Hall for this annual event. Please contact WB Dick Decima at 392-0145 or via email at rhdecima@aol.com to make a reservation.

WB Dick Decima,
Secretary

Ph. 392-0145 or by Email: rhdecima@aol.com

Masonic Degrees Upcoming

Whatcom Lodge will vote on a Petition for the Degrees at their March 16th stated. With an affirmative vote it is planned that an **EA Degree** will be conferred at the **April 6th** Special Communication.

The Master Mason Degree for Bro. Bruce Smith had to be moved to a new date. It is now to be conferred at the Thursday, **May 4th** Special Communication.

For both meetings Dinner is at 5:30 pm.

Lodge opens at 6:30 pm.

Whatcom Lodge meets at the Bellingham Masonic Center at 2626 West Maplewood Ave., in Bellingham, WA.

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VW John Browne...360-599-3481

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Lodge Web page: www.WhatcomMasonicLodge.org

Here is what **Bellingham Bay**

has going on.

Friday March 3rd Stated: Finalize budget with aggressive outreach.

Friday March 17th St Patrick's day with a practice of the EA degree.

Monday April 3rd 110th consecutive trowel exchange with Union Solomon Lodge # 9 in Burnaby, BC. 6pm lodge open, salmon dinner 6:30.

WB Russ Weston

Sec'y of

Bellingham Bay Lodge #44

WHATCOM LODGE IS CAMPING, AGAIN !!!

On July 27-30 we will be visiting the Masonic Family Campground in Granite Falls. We will have a clubhouse and ten sites for our exclusive use; each site will have water and power only. A disposal station is available as you leave the park.

Maximum cost per nite is \$33.00, but could be less depending on how many campsites we finally confirm. Any type of camping equipment is welcome; tents, trailers, RVs – whatever! ***This event is open to members of Whatcom Lodge, any other lodge in our district and any other Masonic youth group meeting at Maplewood.***

Plan now to attend this wonderful activity; this will be our third year and those who have attended before will tell you it was a blast!!

I must have your confirmation NO LATER THAN JUNE 15 in order to hold a campsite for you and your family. A check for \$33.00 will reserve a spot; actual campsite assignments will be made upon arrival and will depend upon the size and nature of your equipment.

DON'T WAIT – SEVERAL OF THE SITES ARE ALREADY SPOKEN FOR, BUT WE CAN GET MORE IF NEEDED !!

Questions?? Call Ted Schuman at (818) 425-1611

Want to mail your check? Send it to:

Ted Schuman, 3313 Heights Drive,
Bellingham, WA 98226

Please make your check for \$33.00
payable to: Ted Schuman

Bellingham Outreach Clinic

Our expert pediatric orthopedic care is coming to your neighborhood!

Jeremy Bauer, M.D., pediatric orthopedic surgeon at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Portland, will be in Bellingham on Saturday, March 25 to provide specialized orthopedic care for kids. We're accepting new patients ages 0 - 18 for pediatric orthopedic care, regardless of your family's ability to pay.

To schedule an appointment please call:
503.241.5090

4545 Cordata Parkway
Bellingham, WA 98226

<http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/Locations/portland>



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NORTHWEST SHRINE CLUB - NEWS

Our annual installation of officers has been completed and the new officers are ready to make this Shrine Year fun and successful. Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for March 7th at 7:00 p.m. Zem Zem at 6:30 p.m. followed by a wonderful dinner prepared by Jeckly/Hyde Restaurant. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged. If you have ever wondered about the Shriners or the Shrine Club this is a perfect opportunity for you to find out who we are and what we do.

Our next big project takes place on March 25th. The Shriners Hospitals for Children - Portland has scheduled an Outreach Clinic to be held in Bellingham. A doctor will be present to provide specialized orthopedic care for kids. The members of the Shrine club assist the children by escorting them to their appointments - providing refreshments and help making them feel comfortable while they are here. Please come and watch the Shriners in action.

Submitted - Noble Greg Cory - President

WHATCOM LODGE GOES TO THE MOVIES!!

On March 19 members and their families are invited to participate
In Whatcom Lodge's first **"MOVIE NITE!"**

The plan is to attend the movie of your choice at the Barkley Regal Multiplex (16 theatres to choose from) on Sunday afternoon March 19, probably around 1:30 – 2:00 starting times – **you choose**. We will have specific movie titles and start times by Wed., March 15 – if you are interested check with Ted Schuman via his cell phone (818) 425-1611 or hear full details at lodge on March 16.

THEN

We all join up for a no-host dinner at Bob's Burger's and Brew in Barkley Village – we have reservations for 5:30-6:00 in their back room.

Bring your wife, girl friend, children, or PROSPECTIVE MEMBER – whatever suits you!

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND DINNER (YOU COULD DO DINNER ONLY) PLEASE RSVP TO TED SCHUMAN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAR. 17 so we can give the restaurant a firm count.

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN !!

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
29	30	31	1 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	2 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm.	3 BB # 44 - Stated 7:30 pm.	4
5	6 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 - 7:30	7 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	8 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	9 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	10	11
12 Lynden Int #56 hosts it's annual Win- dows lunch see page 2.	13 F # 264 - 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	14 Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm	15 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	16 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	17 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p. (SRH) <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18
19	20 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC) <i>Spring Equinox</i>	21 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	22 Chuckanut Chap- ter DeMolay 7:30 pm	23 L # 56 special meeting 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	24	25 Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm Shrine event, see page 3 for details!
26	27 F # 264 - 7:30 p	28 Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM	29	30	31	1

**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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