



Letters from District No. 10

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

Whatcom Lodge Report

February Special: The February Spl. was cancelled due to inclement weather.

February Stated: The February Stated was attended by 25 Whatcom members, 1 visitor and 1 dinner guest. In addition to the regular business of the Lodge the EA Degree was conferred on Mr. Kristian Nason. Our visitor was FC Br Alan Olpeanu of Joppa Lodge #112 GL of B.C. & Yukon.

Degree: The degree was conferred by SW John Brown with SD Bruce Smith conducting the candidate. The *Apron Lecture* was given by Thom Baughn, the *Working Tools* presented by Barry Podwin, the *Master's Lecture* was presented by the team of Ken Peck & John Browne, who also gave the *Charge*.

Business: Under the topic of business Sec'y John Browne moved by PM Jesse Petersen, that the By-Laws of Whatcom Lodge 151 be amended to change the Lodge meeting place from our current location back to the Scottish Rite Hall on State St. where the Lodge met until the mid-1990's. The motion was tabled to allow for the proper notification of Lodge members. Further discuss and a call for the question is slated for the March 21st Stated Communication.

March Special: The March Spl. Was attended by 26 Whatcom members and 2 dinner guests.

Proficiency: Bro. Jeffery Roskelley, assisted by his coach Glenn Hutchings completed his EA Proficiency in front of the assembled brethren and did an excellent job. He is now eligible to receive his FC Degree which slated to take place at the April 4th Special Communication.

Field trip: The lodge brothers took a field trip to the Scottish Rite Hall on State Street to tour the facilities where we may be moving in the not too distant future. While at the Scottish Rite Hall there was some general Q&A about the building and if there would be room for other Masonic groups if they decided to come over after Whatcom Lodge made the move. The Valley of Bellingham Secretary Jesse Petersen said some adjustments would need to be made but that in a year or so accommodation could be made to house them. The general feeling seemed to be that the Scottish Rite Hall would meet Whatcom's needs. The atmosphere is warm and welcoming, the dinning room much richer in feeling and the technology amenities are a step up in quality.

Masonic Luncheon: Tuesday, March 19th. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon on the Hannigan Rd just north of the Pole Rd. In April the luncheon will be on Tuesday, April 16th. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon.

Next Communications: Our next Stated is on Thursday, February 21st. Prior to both meetings dinner will be at 5:30 pm with Lodge to open 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 1st Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Mar 11th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge
56 - 7 pm

Mar 21st Whatcom Lodge - dinner at
5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Up-coming Events

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, March 19th. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon.

Whatcom FC Degree.... set for April 4th for Bro.. Jeff Roskelley. Dinner is at 5:30 pm and Lodge opens at 6:30pm.

Hands Across The Border... It is not too early to mention Spring Hands Across the Border. This event, on Thursday, April 11, 2019, Please put this date on your calendar. *See page 3*

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, April 16th. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, May 21st. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon.

Annual Whatcom Lodge Campout should be on your calendar!... it is June 27-30, we will once again trek South to Granite Falls to the Masonic Family Park for camping, fun, frivolity..... all that stuff! Please let Ted Schuman know if you plan to attend; we are limited to ten campsites, but the event is OPEN TO ALL MASONIC BODIES IN WHATCOM COUNTY - just let Ted know.

Annual

Whatcom Lodge BBQ

Whatcom Brothers mark your calendars, the annual lodge BBQ date has been set for August 24th and Ted and Penny's. More details to follow as we get closer to the event. *See page 3*

NOTICE

to Whatcom Brethren

A Motion was made at the February 21st Stated Communication to relocate our meetings from the Bellingham Masonic Center to the Scottish Rite Hall on State Street.

It was moved by VW John Browne, 2nd by VW Jesse Petersen... as follows.

I move that Article II, Section 2 of our By-Laws be amended to read:

All communications of this Lodge shall be held in the Scottish Rite Building at 1101 North State Street, Bellingham, Washington.

This motion will be up for vote at the **March 21st Stated Communication**. Per the WMC: it takes a minimum 2/3 approval by the members present at the time of the voting which must take place at a Stated Communication. Sec. 14.03 B.L. Rev 2013

About the amendment...

This motion came about after several years of issues had to be dealt with. Over the last decade we've had to battle vandalism to the building, break-ins to and theft from our storage shed in back. We still get shopping carts and discarded furniture dropped in our parking lot. A few years ago a member's car was broken into and his laptop stolen, very recently three of our members had tires slashed on their cars. Hypodermic needles keep showing up on our lawn and recently the current Rainbow Dad observed males in a corner of our parking lot shooting-up while a Rainbow Girls event was going on - our Grand Lodge Officers were not to happy when they heard about this incident. As you know the Bellingham PD can't post a guard in our parking lot. Paying for a Security Guard to stand by for the hours of our meeting will get pricey over time.

Secondly, over the years we've had to fight and scratch to even put Masonic artwork on the walls of the Lodge room. Recently a member of the Temple Board scheduled to rent the dinning room out to a new Bridge Club, on the same days we meet...brothers coming in to cook our normal pre-meeting meal, came in to find the dinning room full and they couldn't set up the tables and such. We seem to have this temporarily worked-out but it was a big pain to sort out. The Scottish Rite Hall has room for our lodge and others should they also choose to move over. We'll get a big break in our rent-cost, which will provide us more money to support the three youth groups and other charities. We payed double-rent for over five years at West Maplewood and got only the same service we had before. We understand the TB voted to cut our rent in half but that will not make the surrounding neighborhood fit to reside in.

So, most Whatcom regular officers and members are sick of the neighborhood and not happy with how the Temple Board has treated Whatcom Lodge over the years, hence the proposal to move back to the Scottish Rite Hall. The SR Hall has been renovated, new boiler system, air-conditioning, HD videos and sound system. The dinning room is carpeted and looks great compared to the school-cafeteria-look at W. Maplewood. The main floor lodge room was carpeted a few years ago and has a warmer more friendly feel. West Maplewood has frequent leaks to the roof and the heating and cooling systems are old and expensive to replace. We looked at installing security fencing and electronic gate but the estimates came to about \$50,000, which the Temple Board certainly doesn't have. Plus I think such a walling-in of our place would only put a target on the building. It's time to move on in the eyes of many of us. There will be discussion prior to the vote on this amendment, on March 21st.

VW John Browne - Sec'y of Whatcom Lodge 151



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Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

Mar 14th

Stated Meeting

7:00 PM



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Washington to Host 2021 Conference of Grand Masters

Since 1780, Grand Masters from throughout North America have gathered together "to know each other and to learn how others are meeting and handling the problems of the Fraternity in their Jurisdictions".

In 2021, they are coming to Seattle! Events will be held from February 20th – 23rd at the Westin Hotel in Seattle and at other venues throughout the area. This portends to be an exciting opportunity for us to show how we practice Freemasonry in Washington.

With a current membership consisting of the States of the United States of America, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; the Grand Lodges of the Provinces of Canada; the State of York, Mexico; and the American-Canadian Grand Lodge of Germany, the Grand Masters of these jurisdictions represent some two million Freemasons in North America. Additionally, Grand Masters outside of North America, heads of concordant bodies and Masonic organizations, as well as interested observers from many other affiliated groups attend.

The Conference has been the genesis of several programs that have made their way to our Jurisdiction: Long Range Planning, Bikes for Books, Six Steps to Initiation, and the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program come to mind. Additionally, ideas such as the Lodge Leadership Retreat, Outreach Services, and a photography archive have made their way from our Jurisdiction to other Jurisdictions by way of the Conference. The Conference has also been an outstanding forum of discussion for topics such as Millennials & Freemasonry, social media, and improved public relations.

Additionally, Freemasonry worldwide has benefited from the Associations/Committees of the Conference. These include the Child Identification Program (CHIP), Commission on Information for Recognition, George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association, Masonic Renewal Committee, Masonic Service Association of North America, and the National Masonic Foundation for Children.

To make this a successful and memorable event, we are seeking volunteers to be part of the organizing committee. There will be lots of things to do in the areas of greeting, transportation, hospitality, docent, and concierge services – and that's just for openers. The plan is to hold our first informational meeting in March 2, 2019 3:00pm at the Greenwood Masonic Temple (this will be prior to the District 4&5 Meeting).

As a bonus for volunteering, throughout the Conference, you will have the opportunity to interact with and learn from Masonic leaders throughout the world of Freemasonry – and we'll even give you a special conference polo featuring the above logo. I hope that you are as excited to welcome the Brethren to our great state as I am. If you are interested in being part of the organizing committee, please drop me a line at jim@mendozaline.net.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to seeing you on March 2nd.

Jim Mendoza 

Past Grand Master
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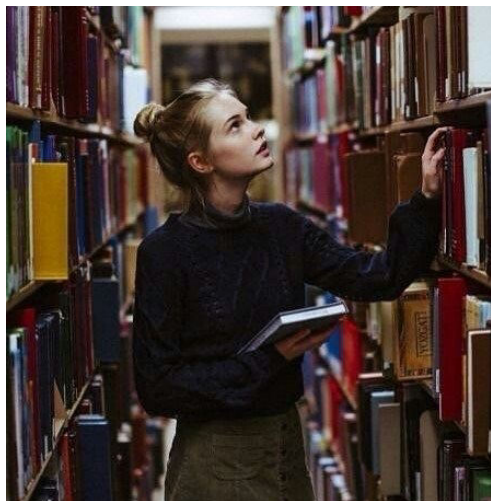
Greetings Lynden Brethren:

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER

It is not too early to mention Spring Hands Across the Border. This event, on Thursday, April 11, 2019, honors RWB Douglas Franklin, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of British Columbia & Yukon, and RWB Charles Wood, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Washington, at a banquet followed by a tiled meeting. Please put this date on your calendar and assist us in honoring this two distinguished Masons.

WB Dick Decima,

Secretary...Ph. 392-0145 _ rhdecima@aol.com.



Please don't forget to support the MEC Educational Scholarship Program. Public Education goes back prior to our founding as a Nation. Our Founders such as Washington and Franklin fully understood the critical part education plays in keeping a free and open society. Masons have a long history of championing Public Education in communities all across our country. Please be part of that Masonic Legacy. *VW John Browne*

The MEC is 100% local and your tax-deductible donations go 100% to the scholarships and award program, to be held at the W. Maplewood Bellingham Masonic Center at 7:30 PM on April 25. Volunteers are needed to judge applications on Saturday, March 23 and at the awards on April 25. Contributions may be sent to MEC, 1101 N. State St., Ste. 103, Bellingham, 98225. To volunteer contact Ken Gass, MEC President, kgass@gmail.com or 360-671-1993.

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
27	28	29	30	31	1 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	2
3	4 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30	5 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	6 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. EA Posting Lecture then a trip to the Scottish Rite Hall.	8	9
10 <i>Daylight Savings Time</i>	11 Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	12 Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm	13 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	14 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm Hands Across the B order see p 3 Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	15 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p.	16
17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. <i>Washington's Birthday & President's Day</i>	19 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	20 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	21 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	22	23 Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm
24	25 F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	26 Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM	27 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	28 Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

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for District No. 1**

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