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Outdoor Fellowcraft Degree and San Jan Lodge No. 175's 100th Anniversary Celebration! May 16th, 2008

Saturday, May 17th is San Juan Lodge No. 175's annual Fellow Craft Outdoor Degree and Salmon Barbecue on beautiful San Juan Island. This year is also our 100th Anniversary. Please come and celebrate this milestone with us!

The degree will be conferred at the newly restored McMillen mausoleum at Roche Harbor Resort. This gathering has been active for 40 years and has been enjoyed by hundreds of Masons. The special setting, good food and brotherhood is something not to be missed.

The cost is \$15 for one or \$25 for two, includes dinner and transportation to Roche Harbor and back.



The ferry leaves Anacortes at 9:35 am. to Friday Harbor. Walk the three blocks to the lodge or we will have transportation to pick you up. The salmon dinner will be served at 11 am. and afterwards buses will take all the men out to Roche Harbor. Ladies may stay in town, plenty of shopping, stroll through town or wander down and visit the beautiful waterfront.

The ferry leaves Friday harbor at 4:15 pm and arrives Anacortes at 5:40 pm.

For more information check out our new website:
sanjuanmasons.com

Whatcom Lodge Report

Greetings fellow Whatcom brothers.

Stated Meeting: On April 16th, after paying a few bills a Petition for Plural Membership by WB Ted Schuman was Read in lodge. WB Ted will be moving up from California the second week of June. We hope to have his investigation completed so we can ballot on his petition at the June 18th, Stated meeting.

Balloting: The petition for the Degrees of Masonry from Mr. Anthony Portera was brought up for balloting. The Investigation Committee reported they had met with Mr. Portera and they were unanimous in recommending that the petition be granted. The ballot was then taken and the result was *Fair, Clear* and *Bright*.

Degrees: The Third Degree for Bro. Terrell Goertz was conferred by WB Larry West. Bro. Tim Johnson explained the Working Tools, VW Glenn Hutchings & WB Bill Hall tag-teamed in giving the Degree Lecture and WB Gary Pitcher gave the Charge.

The First Degree for Mr. Anthony Portera is planned for Thursday, May 7th, 2009. Dinner to start at 6 pm and lodge to open about 7 pm. The Third Degree for Bro. Alex Bruner is planned for Thursday, May 21st, 2009. Dinner at 5:30 with lodge to begin opening at 6:30 pm.

Next Stated meeting: May 21st, a light meal at 5:30, lodge to begin opening at 6:30.

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

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

May 1st Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

May 6th San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm

May 7th Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm

May 13th Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm

May 11th Ferndale Lodge - 7:20 pm

May 12th Fairhaven Lodge - 7:30 pm

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

May 19th Kulshan Int. Lodge - 7:30 p



IN MEMORIAM

WB William Allenby Treasurer of Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105 passed to his reward at 11:35 am Sunday, 19 April, 2009.

There will be a Masonic Service on May 13th, 2009 at the Nooksack Masonic Center. Lodge will open at 6 PM and go off-session for dinner. After dinner Masons and their Wives and guests will move up to the lodge room for the memorial service. Once the service is completed the ladies and non-Masonic guests will retire to the dining room while the lodge goes back on-session and business conducted.

Brother Carleton "Dutch" Dow passed away on the morning of Wednesday, April 22nd, 2009. Brother Dow was a sixty year member of Whatcom Lodge No. 151. No public Memorial Service is planned by wishes of the deceased.

Lynden Lodge on the move

Lynden Lodge calendar for May 2009

May 2	Lodge Fellowship Dinner	6:00 PM (FMC)
May 6	Visit Greenwood Lodge #253, Seattle	7:30 PM
May 7	Stated Communication	7:30 PM (FMC)
May 9,	Masonic Leadership Assoc.	10:00 AM (BMC)
May 14	Visit Joppa Lodge, White Rock, BC	7:30 PM
May 15	Flags at Lynden and Greenwood Cemeteries for Peace Officers Memorial	Dawn to Dusk
May 16	San Juan Open Air FC Degree, Friday Harbor	TBA
May 21	Special Communication	7:30 PM (FMC)
May 25	Flags at Lynden and Greenwood Cemeteries for Memorial Day	Dawn to Dusk
May 25	Memorial for Masons in Lynden Cemetery	9:00 AM

(FMC= Ferndale Masonic Center; BMC=Bellingham Masonic Center)

Lynden Masonic Lodge Strawberry Fund Raiser

This major fund raiser will help support Lynden Masonic Lodge Community Service Programs this year, such as our Bikes 4 Books, Teacher of the Year Programs, High School Senior Scholarships and the Child Identification Program (CHIP). The strawberries will be supplied by a local grower and will be sliced, lightly sugared and ready to eat. We invite potential customers to compare our quoted prices with other sources.

We hope that Brothers from other lodges will support our berry sale and we thank you in advance for your contribution to our Community Service Programs.

Lynden Lodge Visitations

Our visitation to Greenwood Lodge No. 253 will be a homecoming for WB Dick Myhre, who was raised in that lodge in April, 1947. This will be an emotional trip for Dick and several Lynden brothers will accompany him on this journey. It is unlikely that there will be any Greenwood lodge members present who were in lodge the night Bro. Dick and his father were raised.



KING'S QUOTE'S

Progress isn't made by early risers.
It's made by lazy men
trying to find easier ways
to do something.

Robert Heinlein



Making our way!

Under the watchful gaze of the Grand Architect of the Universe we labor as Masons for the good of humanity. These are not just words but the very fabric of what and who we are, or should be. As the working tools description tells us to remember "that we are traveling upon the level of time to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns," also keep in mind the words of Ms. Beverly Sills "There are no shortcuts to any place worth going." And so, we should heed the good council of Mr. Jean de La Bruyere, (1645 - 1696) "There is no road too long to the man who advances deliberately and without undue haste; there are no honors too distant to the man who prepares himself for them with patience."

The band of brothers and sisters in Masonry is very good company to keep as we journey forth together. The road is indeed rough and rocky, but we have many hands to steady each other and our fellow human companions. There are those along the way who will decry our society and this human trait has been observed by no less a notable than Dr. Samuel Johnson (1751), "The collector of shells and stones derides the folly of him who pastes leaves and flowers upon paper (and) pleases himself with colors that are perceptibly fading, and amasses with care what cannot be preserved. The hunter of insects stands amazed that any man can waste his short time upon lifeless matter, while many tribes of animals yet want their history. Everyone is inclined not only to promote his own study, but to exclude all others from regard, and having heated his imagination with some favorite pursuit, wonders that the rest of mankind are not seized with the same passion."

We, as Masonic travelers, just may be able to inform others along this journey by shinning the Light of our actions along Our Way to that undiscovered country. My brothers& sisters, I wish each and every one of you a pleasant journey.

~ John F. Browne

(reprinted from Sept 2004 Issue of Letters from Whatcom Lodge).

(quotes submitted by our Tyler, Bro. Ted McQuiston)

Here is what ***Bellingham Bay***

has going on.

Friday May 1st Stated meeting at 7:30 PM. Masonic enlightenment & fellowship. Bro. Russell Wiggins, age 94, will be awarded his 60 year pin and Grand Lodge Resolutions will be discussed.

Saturday May 9th Monthly meeting of the Masonic Leadership Association (MLA) hosted by Bellingham Bay #44. The meeting begins at 10 am. At the W. Maplewood Masonic Center. As the host Lodge, we supply the refreshments and Chaplain.

Friday May 15th Special meeting at 7:30. Bro. Kyle Grafstrom will prove up on the Fellowcraft Degree. WB Frank Morrow has arranged for a program to follow Lodge over refreshments. The topic is "Homelessness in Whatcom County," by Jim Cozad, Executive Director, Whatcom County Re-Entry Coalition.

WM George Edwards

Mediocre minds usually dismiss anything which reaches beyond their own understanding.

~ Francois, Duc de la Rochefoucauld, 1613 – 1680

Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities because . . . it is the quality which guarantees all others.

~ Br. Winston S. Churchill, 1874 – 1965

I have learned this at least by my experiment: that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.

~ Henry David Thoreau, 1817 – 1862

I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure, which is - try to please everybody.

~ Herbert Bayard Swope, 1882 – 1958

It is hard to believe that a man is telling the truth when you know that you would lie if you were in his place.

~ H. L. Mencken, 1880 – 1956

No man is exempt from saying silly things; the mischief is to say them deliberately.

~ Michel de Montaigne, 1533 – 1592

NWSC

Greetings Nobles, we are preparing for the annual Ski to Sea Parade and Burger Feed at the American Legion Hall in Bellingham on May 23rd. We look forward to visiting with all the members of Nile and Giza who are planning to attend. As usual we will have the regular hamburgers, potato salad plus all the fixing's along with the beer and music from Nile! Please plan on coming and enjoying the festivities!

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for May 5th and the menu is going to start with Prime Rib; now, do we need to know what goes with it, I think not! Just knowing it is Prime Rib should be enough to get you to come and support our Northwest Shrine Club, yes? We are still working on sponsoring a trip by our Youth Groups, Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters to the Portland Hospital. I know we are all looking forward to the weather becoming warmer and summer is on its way. Please remember those less fortunate than we and travel safely,

Yours in the Faith,
George Edwards,
Secretary, NWSC

The Whatcom Brothers send their wishes for

A Very Happy May Birthday!

To:

May 1st - Roy H. McDonald

May 4th - Jeremy D. Casados

May 11th - Frank M. Davis

May 13th - Sheldon W. Wilkins

May 23rd - Alvia F. "Jack" Goodwin

May 31st. James P. Hayes

Next Highway Clean Up

Brethren, here is your early warning to put a little Masonic road work into your calendar for 2009:

- Saturday, June 13th (part of the statewide of Earth Day "Month" activities)

Be ready to leave from the backside of 2626 W. Maplewood by 9:00 a.m. for 90 minutes of cleaning, rain or shine.

Ken Gass, Secretary, Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44

BMC = Bellingham Masonic Center on W. Maplewood ; FMC = Ferndale Masonic Center;
 FHMC = Friday Harbor Masonic Center; NMC = Nooksack Masonic Center; SRH = Scottish Rite Hall

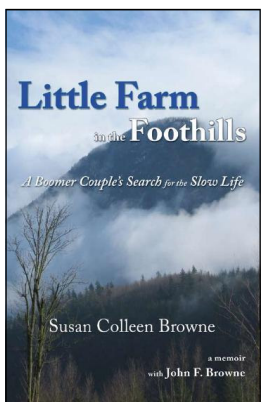
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 BB # 44 stated 7:30 p. (SRH)	2
3	4 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 - 7:30, F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	5 NWSC - Zem Zem 6, Dinner 7, Meet. 8 p. ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p. Cinco de Mayo	6 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	7 L # 56 7:30 pm Stated Meeting W 151 - Spl Comm. We plan a EAM degree. Dinner at 6 pm. Lodge at 7 pm.	8	9 MLA 10 a.— Special Event this day!
10	11 F # 264 - stated, at 7:30 p. Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	12 F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	13 NV # 105 - 6 p.	14 Bethel # 25 at 7 p.	15 BB 44 7:30 pm. (SRH)	16 Outdoor FC Degree & salmon barbecue. Help celebrate the100 year Anniversary of San Juan #175
17	18 Bellingham Chap- ter Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	19 KI # 186 7:30 p ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Board. Meeting	20	21 W 151-stated lodge light dinner at 5:30, lodge opens 6:30 p. We are plan- ning to confer a 3 rd Deg.	22	23 Bethel #25 at 7 p.
24	25 Memorial Day	26 F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	27	28	29	30
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Whatcom Lodge brother John Browne announces the release of

Little Farm in the Foothills
A Boomer Couple's Search for the Slow Life
 by
 Susan Colleen Browne
 with John F. Browne

This memoir is a feel-good tale about reinventing your life and making your dreams come true.

Here's an opportunity to support a local Masonic youth group too!

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