



# Letters from District No. 10

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## May events: The Highlight is on Fraternalism

### The Spring Hands Across the Border Dinner and Tiled Meeting.

Hosted by Lynden International Lodge No. 56

See Ad on page one and article on page 2.

### The Annual Outdoor Fellowcraft Degree and Salmon & Pork Barbecue..

Hosted by San Juan Lodge No. 175

See article on page 4

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

May 4<sup>th</sup> San Juan Lodge - 7:30

May 5<sup>th</sup> Lynden Int. Lodge - 7:30 pm

May 6<sup>th</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7:30 p

May 9<sup>th</sup> Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 pm

May 10<sup>th</sup> Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm

May 11<sup>th</sup> Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm

May 19<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge - dinner at  
5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

## Whatcom Lodge Report

**Stated Meeting** - Our stated meeting was held on April 21<sup>st</sup> with twenty-five brothers attending. VW Glenn Hutchings served as WM because WB Boyd McEwen was away at a training session. Lodge was again preceded by a very nice dinner prepared by Bro. Terrell Goertz and his lovely wife Colleen. It was wonderful, such great tacos! In addition to the basic business of the lodge we had a petition to ballot on, one petition to read, a proficiency to be completed and a certificate to present.

**Degree:** Bro. Tristan Burgess, who completed his FC Proficiency at our April 7<sup>th</sup> special communication, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a MM at our stated meeting and there was a new twist to this degree. Three Past Masters, Glenn Hutchings, Larry West and John Browne combined to perform section one of the degree. Newly raised MM Tony Anton gave the *Working Tools* and did a wonderful job. In the drama, Bro. Alex Bruner stepped in to play the 3<sup>rd</sup> ruffian, he and Tristan being good friends, it was a nice move. Glenn Hutchings and Jesse Petersen teamed-up to give the *MM Lecture* and again did a fine performance.

**Petitions:** We balloted on a petition for plural membership and congratulations go to WB James Hawley, who is the newest member of Whatcom Lodge. A Petition for the Degrees of Masonry, submitted by a Western WA. University student was given its first Reading. The petition is expected to be eligible for balloting at our May 19<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting.

**Proficiency & Presentation:** After the degree, mentioned above, Bro. Tony Anton completed his MM Proficiency. He did an exceptional job, especially in light of the fact that English is his second language. Also, WB Bruce Sterling was presented with his Life Membership Certificate and our congratulations!

**Next meetings** - Our next Special meeting is on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, on May 5<sup>th</sup>, please attend the Hands Across the Border event hosted by Lynden Int. Lodge No. 56. The next stated meeting is on May 19<sup>th</sup>, dinner at 5:30 pm & lodge at 6 30. We expect to ballot on a petition and who knows, maybe even witness another completed proficiency.

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

## Is your calendar set

on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

For the annual Spring

## Hands Across the Border

dinner & tiled meeting ?

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

Lynden International 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

Reservations may be made by  
calling *WB Dick Decima*

at 360 - 392-0145 or by Email at:  
[rhdecima@aol.com](mailto:rhdecima@aol.com).

## Notes from Lynden Int. Lodge No. 56

### HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER

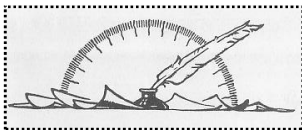
The Spring *Hands Across the Border* dinner is on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Bellingham Masonic Center at 2626 Maplewood Avenue. This year Lynden International Lodge is honoring RWB Mike Sanders, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington and RWB Bill Cave, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia & Yukon.

The social period is at 5:30 PM; dinner at 6:00; the Lodge will be tiled for our Stated Communication at 7:30. The cost is \$20 with any excess funds going to our various philanthropies. This is our preeminent Lodge event of the year! There will be a lot of Masons present.

The tradition of honoring the two Deputy Grand Masters in the Spring began in 2004 at a dinner and tiled meeting. In the Fall, after the two honorees became Grand Masters, we honored them again at a gala dinner and entertainment with ladies and other guests attending.

Please join us on May 5<sup>th</sup> in extending a warm welcome to our Canadian brothers for this 8th truly international Spring event. Just call 392-0145 or Email [rhdecima@aol.com](mailto:rhdecima@aol.com) to make your reservation for either prime rib or salmon.

Dick Decima  
Event Chairman



### *Fairhaven Lodge No. 73*

Our May Stated Meeting is on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and we open lodge at 7 PM

The May Special Communication is on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and lodge will open at 7 PM.

Visiting Masons are welcome.

Thank you,  
WB David Nelson

## Scottish Rite Masonry: *Valley of Bellingham*

Under the direction of Steve Harris 32°, Venerable Master, the gavel will sound for a new year of new officers for the Lodge of Perfection. Lots of new ideas from a new vibrant membership for the Valley of Bellingham. Installing a few who missed last month's installation will not take too long. Congratulations to Chris Huchel 32°, Claude Weadon 32° and Terrell Goertz 32° on their completion of their 32°. A review of the Remembrance and Renewal Banquet success will be covered by Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix, Alan Smith 32°.

A 6:30 dinner for the brothers will proceed the 7:30 meeting. Reservations need to be made through Ron Fine 32° KCCH at 360-676-5747. All Scottish Rite Brothers are encouraged to attend and see your new vibrant Scottish Rite.

Mark your calendars for the Consistory Dinner May 18<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

Need a petition to join? See any Scottish Rite Brother.

John Sleeth 32° KCCH, *General Secretary*  
Valley of Bellingham, (360) 733-1103

### About the Scottish Rite

The purpose of the Scottish Rite, simply stated, is to seek that which is the most worth in the world; to exalt the dignity of every person, the human side of our daily activities, and the maximum service to humanity; to aid mankind's search in God's universe for identity for development and for destiny, and thereby achieve better men in a better world, happier men in a happier world and wiser men in a wiser world.

### The Scottish Rite Creed

\*The cause of human progress is our cause, the enfranchisement of human thought our supreme wish, the freedom of human conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all peoples everywhere, the end of our contention. The two "Rites" of Freemasonry are generally recognized; the "York Rite", which many think should more properly be called the American Rite (Royal Arch Chapters, Councils of Royal and Select Masters, Commanderies) and "Scottish Rite" of thirty three degrees. Both Rites have their roots in symbolic Masonry, and no man in the United States, Canada, England, Ireland or Scotland may be initiated into either York or Scottish Rite who is not already a member of a Blue Lodge.\*

While the Scottish Rite has thirty-three degrees, numbered from 1 to 33, the Supreme Councils of the English speaking countries, do not assume any authority over the first three degrees where there exist a Grand Lodge which adheres to the Landmarks of freemasonry and continues regular, legitimate and duly constituted and which refrains from interfering with the administration of the Fourth to Thirty-third Degrees inclusive by the Supreme Council. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite goes so deeply into the past for much of its symbolism and philosophy that its origins are lost in the mists of antiquity from which emerges history.

Ron Fine 32° KCCH

Masonic Leadership Association  
District No. 10

Record Numbers Attend MLA

If you would have been there, we would have had thirty members and guests. VWB Sam and Vicki Roberts presented an outstanding program on Planning and Planning your installation. Lunch was enjoyed by all under the watchful eye of the members of San Juan Lodge NO. 175. More than a dozen had a private exclusive tour of the Mausoleum and the sun shown all of the time we were there.

The May MLA will afford each and everyone in attendance to ask the chairman of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee questions on the Proposed Budget for Grand Lodge. With 19 resolutions being presented and more than half of them directly related to the budget, this should be a very interesting program. With the economy being tight on the majority of the members, many questions not before been raised may be on the surface this year. Questions may be asked -- Should our Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Secretary and Wardens be spending time out of our state when it is our members that need help? Should these officers be limited to 2 or 3 Grand Lodge visits. Or should the Grand Master and his team be working at home, (Jurisdiction) helping one on one to rebuild or expand our horizons? I am sure that you probably automatically say "stop to expending more dollars or raising per capita" without attempting to fix the real problem. Remember, if you are a Warden or Past Master, you are Grand Lodge and hold the right to vote. Don't shoot the messenger. Listen and ask good question.

Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44 will be our host. May 21st is the date and the time is 9:45 AM Social. Oh - We are meeting at the Bellingham Masonic Center at 2626 W Maplewood, Bellingham.

We have plenty of room. Bring a Brother to the next MLA Meeting and get involved in the decision process.

John Sleeth, President  
M.L.A.



The hero is one who kindles a great light in the world,  
who sets up blazing torches in the dark streets of life  
for men to see by.

The saint is the man who walks  
through the dark paths of the world,  
himself a light.

~ Felix Adler, 1851 - 1933

Here is what ***Bellingham Bay***  
has going on.

***Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>*** – Stated: Open lodge at 7:30

***Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>*** – Special: Open 7:30,

*Sec. Ken Gass*



***Evergreen Assembly No. 17 - Rainbow Girls***

This is on our calendar for May 2011:

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**: The Rainbow Girls will be meeting at Nooksack Lodge to plant flowers and seeds around the building. Afterward, we'll be enjoying a Burger Burn courtesy of Nooksack Lodge. Our normal meeting will begin at 7pm, casual and informal.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**. The Rainbow Girls invite all to attend and help place flags on our Veterans/Auxiliary graves at Enterprise Cemetery, 7041 Vista Drive, starting at 4:30pm.

Thanks,  
Wendy, Mother Advisor, Evergreen Assembly IORG



Our ego is our silent partner -  
too often with a controlling interest.

~ Cullen Hightower



**NWSC** Hello Nobles & Ladies, Here we are and it's May already, time sure flies by. This will be our last dinner meeting till September 6, 2011. For our May 3, 2011 Dinner meeting we will be serving: London Broil/ Mushroom Gravy, Stuffed Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Caesar, Rolls, Coffee, Tea & a Special Dessert (Mothers Day). All for the price of \$17.00 per person. For reservations call Noble Ron Fine @ 360-676-5747 or E-mail me @ [RonFine2@aol.com](mailto:RonFine2@aol.com). **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY APRIL 28, 2011!** **Zem Zem @ 6:00, Dinner @ 7:00 and Meeting @ 8:00.** This will take place at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli and Ale House, 709 W. Orchard.

Our last big event before the summer is on Saturday May 28, 2011 for our annual Hamburger Feed, right after the Sea to Ski parade. Time is 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the American legion Hall Post #7 on Bakerview. Food, Fun, Raffle come and enjoy yourselves. Noble George Edwards is in charge call him at 360-303-0492 if you can help. Setup will start at 10:00 am.

Yours in Faith,  
Ron Fine, Secretary.

## Outdoor Fellowcraft Degree

hosted by  
San Jan Lodge No. 175

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please come and celebrate this milestone with us!

The degree will be conferred at the recently 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.

Cost for the Barbecue: suggested donation of \$15 per person or \$20 per couple.



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 website:  
[sanjuanmasons.com](http://sanjuanmasons.com)

Hmmm, let me think a minute!

| think; therefore | am.

~ Rene Descartes, 1596 - 1650

| am; therefore | think.

~ Friedrich Nietzsche, 1844 - 1900

*I think I think; therefore I think I am.*

~ Ambrose Bierce, 1842 - 1914



Each time you think you are unveiling the truth,  
all you get is a teasing glimpse  
of what turns out to be  
yet another veil.

~ Vilayanur and Diane Ramachandran,  
Scientific American Mind [Feb/Mar 2006], "Illusions"

## Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105

Greetings Brethren all.

Once again I sit down to inform all the Brethren of District 10, what happening at Nooksack Valley Lodge # 105. So much is happening in our little lodge, and every day seems to bring more surprises. On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the FCD was conferred very successfully on Bro. Gerald Thomas. Now we have one EA and two FC waiting to advance. This is fantastic news and we look forward to being able to Pass and Raise our Brethren as soon as they are proficient in their current degree's.

A hot water tank is being installed by our very own Bro. Tim Springstead, and soon we will have hot water in both the washrooms. This is great news as we have never had this before. Now our ladies who attend all meetings will be more comfortable. {And the Brothers as well}.

The traveling gavel was returned by many Brethren from Mt. Zion Lodge # 120, in Chilliwack BC, our sister Lodge. It is such a pleasure to have our Brethren come from across the 49<sup>th</sup> to meet as Brothers, and take refreshment with us. A meal was served before the Stated, and dessert after with coffee. It was a pleasure as well, to have the Deputy to The Grand Master of Washington there, V. Wo. Brother Charles Cunningham, and the District Deputy of the 18<sup>th</sup> District in BC&Y R. Wo. Bro. Lorne Street in Lodge. We as well had two W. Masters attend, and all where treated properly with Grand Honors. A great evening. Two more bikes where donated to the Everson Library on April 18<sup>th</sup>, gifts from the Rainbow girls of Assembly No. 17 in Ferndale. They will be presented to two lucky children at a later date. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, two bikes where presented to two students at Nooksack Ele. School. This wonderful and worthwhile project is growing.

### *Fundraiser Coming June 18<sup>th</sup>!*

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a complete Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings at Nooksack Valley Lodge. The cost will be \$10.00 per person, and 100% of the funds will go to our Bikes For Books program. If you wish tickets, please e-mail me at [jack.bev@shaw.ca](mailto:jack.bev@shaw.ca) and I will put your name on your ticket(s). Dinner will be served at 5 PM

Fraternally Jack Stanley  
WM Nooksack Valley Lodge # 105

One of my greatest pleasures in writing has come from the thought that perhaps my work might annoy someone of comfortably pretentious position.  
Then comes the saddening realization  
that such people rarely read.

~ John Kenneth Galbraith, economist (1908 - 2006)



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

The tyf so short, the craft so long to ferne.

~Geoffrey Chaucer 1340 - 1391

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30 F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>3</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 pm	<b>4</b> SJ # 175 - stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	<b>5</b> Hands Across the Border— L # 56 stated meeting 7:30 pm. See pages 1 & 2 for details.  W #151—No Spl.	<b>6</b> BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	<b>7</b> Regional Meet-ing at the Everett Masonic Center. The Grand Lodge to open at 11:30 am.
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> F # 264 - 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	<b>10</b> F # 73-stated 7 pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	<b>11</b> NV # 105 - stated at 6 pm	<b>12</b> Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Outdoor FC Degree & Salmon barbecue hosted by San Juan #175. See page 4 for details.
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>17</b> ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	<b>18</b> SJ # 175 - Spl. 7:30 p. (FHMC) V of B Scottish Rite Consistory Dinner	<b>19</b> W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	<b>20</b> BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p. (SRH)	<b>21</b> MLA hosted by 9:45 am refresh- ments, mtg at 10 am.
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> F # 264 - 7:30 p.	<b>24</b> F # 73-Spl. 7 pm. Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	<b>25</b> NV # 105 - 7:30	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Bethel #25 at 7 pm Evergreen Rainbow Spring Dance 8 pm
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

The Whatcom Brothers send their wishes for  
 A Very Happy May Birthday! To Brother's:

- Roy McDonald - May 1<sup>st</sup>,
- Jeremy Casados - May 4<sup>th</sup>,
- Frank Davis - May 11<sup>th</sup>,
- Ian Geddes - May 12<sup>th</sup>,
- Sheldon Wilkins - May 13<sup>th</sup>,
- Nate Anderson - May 20<sup>th</sup>,
- Jack Goodwin - May 23<sup>rd</sup>,
- Joe Hayes - May 27<sup>th</sup>,
- James Hayes - May 31<sup>st</sup>

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