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## Whatcom Lodge Report

**Special Communication:** Our Thurs. April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was attended by 19 Whatcom Brothers and 6 visitors: WB Dave Sarna King Phillip Lodge GL of Massachusetts, Joe & Scott Jenkins Whidbey Is. Lodge #15, WB Ken Short Sequim Lodge #213, WB Ken Gass and WB Arne Hanson of BB#44 and a hearty welcome was given to all.

**Degree:** The purpose of this special was to confer the EA Degree on Mr. Joshua Brown. The degree was ably conferred by JW Ken Peck with WB Thom Baughn as SD. Ken gave the *Apron Lecture* and City John presented the *Working Tools*. The *Master's Lecture* was given by VW Terrell Goertz and VW John Browne. WB John Brown gave the *Charge*.

**Masonic Education:** Bro. Ken Peck gave a very interesting report on his recent trip to New Zealand with his wife Jill. While there he visited a Masonic Lodge. The GL of WA prepared a letter of introduction which he took along. He noted that the Lodge gave him a very warm and hospitable welcome.

**Stated Communication:** The April 20<sup>th</sup> Sated meeting was attended by 20 Whatcom Brothers and 3 visitors: Bro. Edward Whitman Lodge Maui in Kahului on the Is. of Maui, WB Rick Kiene BB #44 and Bro. Gordon White Montreal-Kilwinning #20, Quebec, Can. They were given a hearty welcome.

**Masonic Education:** WM Paul Brainard spoke on the topic of lessons of life and he played an audio-tape made by former Navy Seal. The subject was taking Extreme Ownership of your life and the actions in it. The basic theme which came through was that each of us should consider that all situations are Good. Even if on the face of it it appears bad. Because each situation presents and opportunity to get better.

**Consolidation committee report:** WB Ted Schuman noted that Ferndale Lodge has postponed it's vote by one month, now set for May 8<sup>th</sup>. Whatcom Lodge will be receiving it's own Resolution for Consolidation with Ferndale Lodge at our May 20<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication with a vote to be taken at the June 15<sup>th</sup> Stated.

**In Memoriam:** Whatcom Lodge lost longtime brother on April 24<sup>th</sup>, WB Delbert Livermore. WB Del was Worshipful Master of Whatcom Lodge in 1983. There will be a Masonic graveside service on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at Greenacres Cemetery.

**Next Special Communication:** is on May the 4<sup>th</sup>. The next Stated Communication will be on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. For both meetings Dinner is at 5:30 pm and Lodge opens 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

May 5<sup>th</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm  
May 8<sup>th</sup> Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 pm  
May 11<sup>th</sup> Lynden Int. Lodge - 7 pm  
May 18<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

## Up-coming Events

May 2<sup>nd</sup>...NWSC holds it's Tuesday dinner at Jeckly & Hyde BBQ & Ale House. Time is 7 pm cost \$20.

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

May 8<sup>th</sup>...Ferndale Lodge holds it's Stated Communication and will vote on a Resolution for Consolidation with Whatcom Lodge 151.

May 10<sup>th</sup>...Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay will initiate Austin Brainard, son of WB Paul Brainard, WM of Whatcom Lodge 151 at 7 pm. Masons are welcome!

May 13<sup>th</sup>... *Taco Night*...May 13<sup>th</sup> we will honor Lena Cory, Grand Page to Grand Faith, and Kimberly Fine, Jurisdictional Representative of Georgia. It will be at 4:30 at the Ferndale Masonic Center.

May 16<sup>th</sup>...Whatcom has it's monthly lunch. See you at 12 noon at Lee's on James at Alabama. Maple Leaf #58 hosts Vancouver #2 here at 7:30 pm.

May 20<sup>th</sup>... Annual Outdoor Fellowcraft Degree and Salmon BBQ (\$20) hosted by San Juan #175. Catch the 8:30 or 9:30 Ferry out of Anacortes to arrive on time for the BBQ. Ladies are welcome for the BBQ, shopping and socializing.

*Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay*... we will be holding an Installation of Officers on Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, Aaron Cory will be installed as Master Counselor!

July 7<sup>th</sup>...*Evergreen Rainbow*...will have it's Installation of Officers.

July 16... Maple Leaf holding a Potluck at Sandy Point

## Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

May 11<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting 7:00 PM  
May 25<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting 7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

Lynden International Lodge No. 56 has it's next Stated Communication on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm.

Lynden International Lodge No. 56 has it's next Special Communication on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm.

WB Dick Decima,  
Secretary

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



*Highway Cleanup...* We will be doing a Highway Cleanup on the first weekend in May (the 6<sup>th</sup>). We will meet at the Maplewood Hall and depart precisely at 9:00 AM. We expect this to be a bit of a bigger cleanup since we haven't had a chance to do a cleanup since May. We can use all the help we can get!

WB Chris Huchel



## Outdoor Fellowcraft Degree

The Annual Outdoor Fellowcraft put on by San Juan Lodge No. 175 is Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. As per usual it will be preceded by our famous Salmon BBQ (\$20). Catch the 8:30 am or 9:30 am Ferry out of Anacortes to arrive in time for the BBQ. MWB Jim Mendoza will be doing the Middle Chamber Lecture.

This year we are doing a memorial service for VWB Bill Rayborn on the day before, Friday, May 19, which will start at the American Legion at 3:00 and move to the Lodge for a Masonic service at 4:00.

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## Maple Leaf Chapter of OES

Maple Leaf Chapter held their installation and now have new WM: Jane Christianson and WP Verne Christianson.

We will be entertaining our sister-chapter, Vancouver #2 at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and encourage any members to join us.

Also, put July 16 on your calendars.... for all our members and anybody who would like to get to know us with the possible thought of joining our chapter.... that's our potluck picnic at Sandy Point! More about that next time :o)

Thanks,  
Bev Baller  
Secretary

Here is what **Bellingham Bay**

has going on.

**Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> Stated:** celebrate Ray's recent 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. New business: Read over Grand Lodge proposals/resolutions and get the general Lodge consensus of how the Lodge wants to vote on those. Line up details for Military Appreciation Night. Do we want to do a dinner? Do we want to not open Lodge, and invite the local VFW post?

**Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> Special:** We will Practice the EA Degree in full to identify and smooth out rough spots. Bro. Kurt Gazow will confer the degree and WM Arne Hanson will deliver the Charge.

**Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017** was our 110<sup>th</sup> consecutive trowel exchange with Union Solomon Lodge # 9, held in Burnaby, BC, Canada With WB Richard T Kiene Jr, WM Arne Hansen and WM Maxwell Chernoff making the exchange. It was an inspiring event.

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## 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

## Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay

**Greetings:** We just returned from a fun filled and sleep deprived 4 days at the Great Wolf Lodge for Conclave/Convention. Chuckanut was named most enthusiastic chapter for the year, Joshua Evenstad placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2<sup>nd</sup> proficiency and Aaron Cory took second place for being a first line signer on new petitions!

We have a busy few month coming up! We are excited to welcome our new brother Austin Brainard in an initiation ceremony May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

We are headed to KC Krusaders May 20<sup>th</sup> to play paintball with all our brothers in the state!

Mark your calendars we will be holding an installation of officers on Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, Aaron Cory will be installed as Master Counselor!

We would love to see you at any and all of our events!!



Bethel No. 25 JDI

**May 19:** Watch for Bethel #25 at the Junior Ski to Sea parade, downtown starting at 6:00 PM.

**May 20:** Join Bethel #25 for their Installation of Officers at 12 noon on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Bellingham Masonic Center.

Thanks!  
Kjerstie Nelson



## Evergreen Assembly No. 17 - IORG

**A Merry Spring to All:** Evergreen has been busy!! We initiated 3 new members on April 13<sup>th</sup> brining our membership to 20!! With that many girls we could use some more advisors!!!

May 13<sup>th</sup> we will be "Tacoing" about our girls as we honor Lena Cory, Grand Page to Grand Faith, and Kimberly Fine, Jurisdictional Representative of Georgia. We will be eating tacos and showering these two amazing ladies with love! It will be at 4:30 at the Ferndale Masonic Center.

We are excited to do flag setting for Memorial Day, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at Enterprise cemetery! It is one of our favorite activities of the year!

We have a stated meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> and would love to see you all there!! Lastly our installation of officers will be Friday July 7<sup>th</sup>

Warmest regards,  
Renaey Cory  
Mother Advisor  
Evergreen Assembly #17

## Ferndale Lodge No. 264

**Brethren & Ladies:** Ferndale Lodge will be taking an historic vote at it's May 8<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication. We will be voting on a Resolution for Consolidation with Whatcom Lodge No. 151. Only Ferndale MM Brothers in attendance may vote. It is indeed sad to close our Lodge via merging with another. However we simply do not have enough members to fill important Lodge and Temple Board Offices.

**Special Communication:** At our May 22<sup>nd</sup> Special we will hold social event, a So Long Party for WM Landon Estes and family who are going to re-locate somewhere South, in a warmer State.

**Please Note:** Due to the fact that none of our Top three Elected will be able to attend there will be NO Stated Communication on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

I wish to thank all my Brethren at Ferndale Lodge and the many Brothers and friends from other Lodges for their most valuable assistance during this term.

Fraternally & sincerely  
WB Landon Estes.  
WM Ferndale Lodge No. 264

## Northwest Shrine Club News

Jecky & Hyde BBQ and Ale House hosted a car show on April 29<sup>th</sup> with the proceeds going to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Last year over \$1,000 was donated.

The shriners will be in this years Ski to Sea parade. The Northwest Shrine Club will have an entry in this years parade - A surrey owed by Noble Bill Barquist. Noble Bill and Noble Greg Cory will be peddling this surrey on the parade route. Please wave and say hello as they pass by your location.

Our next dinner meeting will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested in becoming a Shriner or wanting to rejoin the club then you are very welcome to attend our dinner. Bring your spouse or guest - all are welcome. Zem Zem at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Jeckly & Hyde. Dinner cost is \$20 We hope to see you there.

Greg Cory - President Northwest Shrine Club

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>30</b>	<b>1</b> Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30  <i>May Day</i>	<b>2</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	<b>3</b> V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	<b>4</b> W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm. We have a MM Degree on this day.	<b>5</b> BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.  <i>Cinco De Mayo</i>	<b>6</b> Highway Cleanup, meet at 2626 W. Maplewood at 9 am.
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> F # 264 - 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	<b>9</b> Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm	<b>10</b> V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	<b>11</b> L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	<b>12</b> BB # 44 A Valentine Dinner RSVP to Sec'y Russ, see BB #44 page 2 for details	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  <i>Mother's Day</i>	<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. We will be hosting Vancouver Chapter #2 (BMC)	<b>17</b> V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	<b>18</b> W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	<b>19</b> BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p. Book presentation open to public, see page 2. (SRH) Memorial for VW Bill Rayborn, San Jaun Lodge 175	<b>20</b> Annual Outdoor Fellowcraft Degree and Salmon BBQ hosted by San Juan 175  <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> F # 264 - 7:30 p	<b>23</b> Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM	<b>24</b> Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	<b>25</b> L # 56 special meeting 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm  <i>Ski to Sea Parade</i>
<b>28</b>  <i>Ski to Sea Race</i>	<b>29</b>  <i>Memorial Day</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>



Has your message missed this publication. Don't get left out. Please send your group's article, event information and/or calendar note by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month. In order to promote events occurring at the beginning of each month I try to send out the newsletter on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks, John the Editor

**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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