



Letters from District No. 10

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Happy Mother's Day!

Whatcom Lodge Report

Special Communication: Our Thursday, April 5th Special Communication was attended by 22 Whatcom Brothers which included Br. Srivatsan Rangarajan, visiting from San Jose CA where he now resides.

Personal history: Bro. Dave Lemon gave a brief self-introduction noting that he had only been a Mason a short time but that his 18 year old daughter was a Rainbow Girl and so had her mother. He went on to say that he has been helping that organization as an adult helper.

WB David Sarna gave a very entertaining and interesting power point presentation covering facets of his personal history, growing up in Fall River MS, his career in the Health Services and his Masonic life so far.

Masonic donation: VW Terrell Goertz was introduced by WM Craig advising that Terrell was making a donation to the lodge. VW Terrell said that he recently lost his mother to the scythe of time and that he has donated to the lodge his mothers very nice musical organ. He was give a nice round of applause.

Up coming events: VW Glenn Hutchings spoke on two topics: the first is our Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony set for the April 19th Stated Communication and the second regarding our Past Master's Night set for Friday, May 11th. **Note: this event has been cancelled to low RSVP response.**

Wardens conference: SW Ken Peck spoke about the recently concluded Warden's Conference he and WM Bruner had attended. One take away is the need to up-date our Website so that it work's better with the smart-phone technology that most young men now rely on.

Stated Communication: The April 19th Stated meeting was attended by 21 Whatcom Brothers and 1 visitor, Bro. Steven Harris from Lynden-Ferndale Int. Lodge #56. In addition to covering the regular business of the lodge a Law Enforcement Memorial Service was held.

New DDGM announced: VW Terrell Goertz announced that his replacement as DDGM for Dist. Ten will be WB Jesse Petersen. He is due to be installed at Annual Grand Lodge Communication this June in Wenatchee, WA.

Law Enforcement Memorial: The Law Enforcement Memorial originally chaired by WB Bill Hall was put together by Bro. Frank Myers, VW Glenn Hutchings and VW John Browne. Several former Law Enforcement Officers, including three just mentioned and WB John Brown, Bro. Ken Peck and current WCSO Bro. Steve Harris read the names of the 12 Federal, State, County and Local law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in Whatcom County. WB Ted Schuman struck the chime as each was called. A portion of the documentary "Fallen" was shown and a prayer given, as part of the ceremony.

Next Communications: May 3rd. Is our Special and the next Stated Communication will be on Thursday, May 17th. 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 4th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
- May 10th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge
56 - 7 pm
- May 17th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at
5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Up-coming Events

NWSC Monthly Dinner... Tuesday, May 1st, Zem Zem at 6 & dinner at 7 PM.

Past Master's Night Dinner.... Had a low RSVP response so it was **cancelled**.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, May 15th 12 noon at the **Rusty Wagon**, at 6937 Hannegan, just north of the Pole Road. This is an open event, perfect to bring friends interested in the Craft to chat with real live Masons in the wild.

Whatcom Camping....our annual camping trip to the Masonic Park is July 19th thru the 22nd. See page 3 for details.

NWSC & Bellingham Bells....on Sun. July 22nd the NWSC is sponsoring a Masonic Night at a Bellingham Bells Baseball game. Time TBA

*He who works with his hands
is a laborer.*

*He who works with his hands
and his head
is a craftsman.*

*He who works with his hands,
his head, and his heart,
is an artist.*

—St. Francis of Assisi

Notes from Lynden-Ferndale Lodge No. 56

May 10 th	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM
May 24 th	Special Meeting	7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

Hands Across the Border - 2018 Spring

Thursday, April 12, 2018 was the date for our 2018 Spring Hands Across the Border event. Honored guests were RWB Barry Burch, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of British Columbia & Yukon, and RWB James Kendall, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington. About 50 Mason were present. The ladies of the OES prepared and served prime rib and butterfly prawn. The Lodge was opened and closed on the EA degree. with the closing handled by our honorees much to the delight of the assembled brothers.

Hands Across the Border - 2018 Fall

In the late Spring the two honorees, Deputy Grand Master James Kendall and Deputy Grand Master Barry Burch will become Grand Masters of their respective jurisdictions. They have selected Saturday, November 3rd, as the date for the Hands Across the Border gala dinner show. Wives and other guests are most welcome. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Scholarships

Judging of applications for five \$1,000 scholarships from seniors in the Blaine, Ferndale, Lynden, Meridian and Nooksack Valley School Districts took place on April 22nd. Presentations will be made at award ceremonies in late May and early June.

Educators of the Year

The District Superintendent of Schools in the Blaine, Ferndale, Lynden, Meridian and Nooksack Valley School Districts have selected a deserving educator to receive \$500 awards. Presentations will be made at the May or June meeting of the Board of Directors of each School District who have graciously agreed to honor the awards in that venue.

Masonic Memorial Day ceremony at the Lynden Cemetery

The founding fathers of Lynden established the Lynden Cemetery in 1889. The originators of Lynden Lodge No. 56 were composed of many of these founding fathers. The cemetery was located about a mile from downtown Lynden on Cemetery Road prior to the time Front Street was extended to Guide Meridian. For the past ten years there had been a Memorial Day ceremony to remember those Masons who are interred in both the Lynden and Greenwood cemeteries. As the name of each Mason is read, the chime is rung. This year the memorial ceremony will be held on Monday, May 28th at 6:30 AM. The entire ceremony takes only about 15 minutes. Please join us that morning in this remembrance.

WB Dick Decima,
Secretary...Ph. 392-0145

Here is what *Bellingham Bay* has going on.

Friday May 4th Stated Communication:
Friday May 18th Special Communication:

2018 Resolution booklet update

Relating to the upcoming Grand Lodge Communication

For those who have read the 2018 Resolutions Booklet you noted there are three Finance related resolutions: 2018 E1, 2018-E2 and 2018-E3. Each of these resolutions have a Whereas referring to a deficit of expenses over income in the amount of \$24,494.27. This deficit amount has since been updated to this figure: \$48,180.18.

The three resolutions noted above address this deficit in different ways.

Resolution 2018-E1...To Amen sec. 7.03 B.L.

Resolution: To reverse Resolution 2015-7 which exempts 50-year life members from the calculation of the annual per capita paid by lodge to support the operation of the Grand lodge.

If this resolution passes, it would reinstate the per capita assessment on 1,306 Master Masons who are Life Member with 50 years of service or more. This would result in approximately \$31,344 of additional revenue for the General Fund which would result in a budget deficit of \$16,836.18 if no other budget adjustments are made. Whatcom brothers note: In Whatcom Lodge this cost would be born by the Lodge as we already excuse 50 year Life Members from the per capita in our By-Laws.

Resolution 2018-E2...To Amend sec. 7.03 B.L.

Resolution: To increase the allowable Grand Lodge operating withdrawal taken from each fund (except the Grand Lodge Sel Insurance Fund and the Endowed Life Membership Fund) to support the operations of Grand Lodge.

If this resolution passes, the maximum amount that can be taken from these funds [exceptions noted] would increase \$443,544.95 to \$665,317.41 based on fund values as of 12/31/2017. This potential increase of \$221,772.47 is more than enough to eliminate the budget deficit if no other adjustments are made. To balance the budget a total of \$491,725.12 would be taken from the funds which is an increase of \$48,180.18 from the number printed in the resolutions booklet. To follow the spending policy of Grand Lodge, this increase of \$48,180.18 in the Grand Lodge fee would have to be matched by an equal reduction amount from each fund. For the Home Endowment Fund this is approximately \$40,500 less than would be available for allocation.

Resolution 2018 E-3....To Amend sec. 7.03 B.L.

Resolution: To increase the annual Grand Lodge fee charge for each assessable member.

If this resolution passes, it would raise the per capita per member that goes to the General Fund of Grand Lodge from \$28 to \$40. This would result in approximately \$120,960 of additional revenue for the General Fund which would result in a budget surplus of \$72,779.82 if no other budget adjustments are made.

I recommend each lodge discuss these options in detail to determine the best choice for voting. *J. Browne*—Editor

Whatcom Lunch Bunch is On The Move!

Brethren, mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 15th **at noon**, when the Lunch Bunch will gather at a new location; the **Rusty Wagon**. The address is 6937 Hannegan, just North of Pole Rd. They have a great menu (serving both breakfast and lunch) and excellent food at reasonable prices. **This informal gathering of brethren is open to all lodges in Whatcom County**, as well as to prospective members you think might enjoy meeting with this rowdy bunch.

To learn to subdue my passions



I am not impressed by money, social status or job title. I am impressed by the way someone treats other human beings.



“Life itself is your teacher, and you are in a state of constant learning.”

— Bruce Lee

WHATCOM LODGE IS CAMPING AGAIN !!!

On July 19-22 we will be camping at 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 about \$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, other lodges in our district and any Masonic youth group meeting at the West Maplewood Masonic Center.

Plan now to attend this wonderful activity; this will be our fourth 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, payable to me 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



BMC = Bellingham Masonic Center on W. Maplewood ;
 FMC = Ferndale Masonic Center;

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1 <i>May Day</i>	2 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	3 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm.	4 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	5
6	7 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 - 7:30	8 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	9 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	10 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	11 Whatcom Ldg 151 Past Masters cancelled	12
13 <i>Mother's Day</i>	14 Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	15 Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm	16 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	17 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	18 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p. (SRH)	19 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
20	21 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p.	22 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	23 Chuckanut Chap- ter DeMolay 7:30 pm	24 L # 56 special meeting 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	25	26 Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm <i>Ski to Sea Parade</i>
27 <i>Ski to Sea Race</i>	28 F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC) Lynden Masonic Cemetery 6:30 am. <i>Memorial Day</i>	29 Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM	30	31	1	2

**Widows & Orphans Fund
for District No. 1**

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