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Whatcom Lodge Report

Stated Meeting - October 15th. was our stated meeting and along with the usual business to take care of, we scheduled a Third Degree. During the business portion of the meeting we discussed various ways to handle the before-meeting-meal preparation. Junior Warden elect, Monte Thompson will coordinate a sign-up process to replace the very fine stewardship performed, over the years, by VW Ed Jungblom, who is retiring as the head food-wrangler. Thank you Ed, for years of a job well done!

Degrees - On Thursday, October 1st, the Second Degree was conferred on Bro. Ty Myers by his father Bro. Frank Myers. VW John Browne was the Senior Deacon, the Working Tools were explained by Bro. David Brown, the "G" Lecture given by VW Glenn Hutchings, the MC Lecture performed by WB Gary Pitcher and the Charge was given by Bro. Terrell Goertz.

On Thursday, October 15th the Third Degree was conferred on Bro. David Brown. The degree went very nicely, though due to illness we had to double up on a couple of parts. None-the-less the drama was done in fine form.

On Thursday, October 21st the Third Degree was conferred on Bro. Anthony Portera. Again the degree was nicely done and well attended.

One thing, which we think has not happened in Whatcom Lodge for some time, is that the past two third degrees and have been performed by all-Whatcom brother degree teams.

There are two more Third Degrees coming up as noted in the paragraph below, and, we have three brothers who we hope will be ready for their Second Degrees in the near future.

Next Special Meetings - October 28th, dinner at 5:30 with lodge to open at about 6:30 pm. The purpose of this Special Communication will be to confer the MM Degree on Bro. Leon Scott. The following week, on Thursday, November 5th, we plan to confer the MM Degree on Bro. Joel Douglas and thus we will have completed a group of four candidates who went through the degrees together. In fact, they often studied together with the assistance of WB's Ted Schuman, Bill Hall and Larry West, and some dropped by and studied with Bro. Terrell Goertz. In a similar vein, we have four more brothers progressing through the FC and EAM degrees and three of them have studied together with brothers Ted and Bill.

Next Stated meeting - November 19th, dinner at 5:30, lodge to begin opening at 6:30. At this meeting we will be balloting on a Petition for the Degrees of Masonry and may have one or more new petitions to Read.

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

Dues Notices are coming out soon!

Brothers, the Dues Notices for Master Masons are, or will soon be sent out by the respective lodge Secretaries. When yours arrives, please respond promptly and don't let it get lost in the up-coming holiday rush.

A reminder from your friendly lodge secretaries.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Nov 4th San Juan Lodge - 7:30

Nov 5th Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm

Nov 6th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 p

Nov 9th Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 PM

Nov 10th Fairhaven Lodge - 7: PM

Nov 11th Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm

Nov 17th Kulshan Int. Lodge - 7:30 p

Nov 19th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

For a contented life:

Health enough

to make work a pleasure.

Wealth enough

to support your needs.

Strength

to battle with difficulties and overcome them.

Grace enough

to confess your sins and forsake them.

Patience enough

to toil until some good is accomplished.

Charity enough

to see some good in your neighbor.

Love enough

to move you to be useful and helpful to others.

Faith enough

to make real the things of God.

Hope enough

to remove all anxious fears concerning your future.

(Bro.) Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
(1749 - 1832) German Poet, Dramatist, Novelist

Lynden Lodge No. 56

Lynden Lodge calendar for November 2009

Nov. 5 th	Stated Communication	7:30 PM
Nov. 6 th	Visitation to Bellingham Bay #44	7:30 PM
Nov. 11 th	Cemetery Flagg placement	
Nov. 19 th	Special - Presentation of Bikes For Books At the Lynden Public Library	7:30 PM

*All meetings are at the Ferndale Masonic Hall unless otherwise noted.

Lynden Lodge # 56 is planning a trip to Northern Ireland in honor of Wellington Lodge # 82 as they celebrate their 200th Anniversary. The trip will take place from April 8 through the 16th, 2010. Jack Sprouls recently attended Wellington Lodge and has been able to achieve a significant price reduction from that announced in earlier presentations. Those interested should contact Jack no later than November 30, 2009.....telephone numbers: (360) 354-7612 and (360) 305-7498.

WM Richard J. Myhre receives Hiram Award

Grand Master Gale H. Kenney presented Worshipful Master Richard J. Myhre with the Hiram Award at the *Hands Across the Border* dinner show on October 23rd at the Bellingham Masonic Center.

WB Dick received a framed certificate from the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington signed by the Grand Master and Worshipful Master-Elect Jack Sprouls along with a pin. His name has been permanently inscribed on a plaque which hangs on the Memorial Wall in the Lodge Hall.

The Hiram Award is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Master Mason other than being the Master of the Lodge.

During WB Dick's stewardship as Master this past year, the Lodge significantly increased the Bikes 4 Books program, spearheaded three CHIP events, presented George Washington portraits to four schools, awarded scholarships, recognized Outstanding Educators and initiated a flag program at the Lynden Cemetery on Memorial Day at which Masonic flags were placed by each Mason's grave. The Lodge hosted *Hands Across the Border* events in the Spring and Fall which were very well attended.

Ritual work, particularly at degrees, was greatly improved. Membership continued to grow. Brothers continued to move "through the chairs" and no one in the current line has served in the East before. Attendance at Lodge meetings increased. Visits were made to other Lodges within our jurisdiction as well as across the border.

WB Dick has been an excellent Master of the Lodge and a credit to Freemasonry!

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER DINNER SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS!

The 7th annual *Hands Across the Border* dinner show on October 23rd, hosted by Lynden Lodge No. 56, was a great success!

The *Hands Across the Border* program traditionally honors the Deputy Grand Masters of Washington and British Columbia & Yukon at a dinner in March followed by the regularly scheduled stated meeting. Then, in October, after they have ascended to the Grand East, they are honored again at a dinner and show which is attended by Masons, ladies, friends and guests.

This year, MWB Gale H. Kenney, Grand Master of F. & A.M. of Washington and MWB Brian Tuckey, Grand Master of A. F. & A.M. of British Columbia & Yukon were the honorees. It was a full house!

After a delicious dinner prepared by Chef WB George Edwards and served by the young ladies of Evergreen Rainbow Assembly No. 17, entertainment was provided by Magician John Walton who mixed magic and mirth to the delight of all.

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Bro. Rick Waites very ably served as Toastmaster. VWB John Sleeth handled the sound system and recorded the program. Music from the *Phantom of the Opera*, a particular favorite of Grand Master Kenney, could be heard in the background.

Other than the introductions of dignitaries, including three Past Grand Masters, from both sides of the border, the only business that was conducted was the presentation of the Hiram Award to Worshipful Master Dick Myhre by Grand Master Gale Kenney.

It was a great evening of entertainment and brotherhood!

WB Dick Decima

Secretary—Lynden Lodge No. 56

Masonic Leadership Association

Next meeting: Saturday, November 21st

Hosted by: San Juan Lodge No. 175 in Friday Harbor, WA

"The Old Masters Wages"

I met a dear old man today Who wore a Masonic pin,

It was old and faded like the man Its edges were worn quite thin

I approached the park bench where he sat

To give the old brother his do I said,

"I see you've traveled east

He said, "I have, have you"

I said, I have and in my day Before the all seeing sun I played in the rubble with Jubala Jubilo, and Jubalum.

He shouted, don't laugh at the work my son

It's good and sweet and true

And if you've traveled as you said

You should give these things a due.

The word, the sign, the token, The sweet Masonic prayer, The vow that all have taken Who have climbed the inner stair.

The wages of a Mason are never paid in gold but the gain comes from contentment when you're weak and growing old.

You see I've carried my obligations For almost fifty years

It has helped me through the hardships and the failures full of tears.

Now I'm losing my mind and my body Death is near

but I don't despair

I've lived my life upon the level And I'm dying upon the square.

Sometimes the greatest lessons Are those that are learned anew

And the old man in the park today has changed my point of view.

To all Masonic brothers The only secret is to care

May you live upon the level.

May you part upon the square.

Submitted by WB Brad Smith ~ San Juan Lodge No. 175

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

Friday November 6th Stated Communication at 7:30 will be Past Masters Night, with dinner before at 6:30 PM. As time permits, one of two Masonic DVDs may be shown, one on "Grotto" and one "Freemasons: Mystery, Myths & Truth."

Friday November 20th Thanksgiving Dinner 6:30 PM by **RSVP**, no meeting.

Friday December 5th Stated Communication at 7:30.

Friday December 18th Open Installation of Gary Pitcher as WM, time TBA, on meeting.

Secretary *Ken Gass*

Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105

W. Master's Proposed Calendar for 2009/2010
Brothers, you are invited and welcome to join us!

- Sep 9th Stated Meeting
 Sep 23rd Entered Apprentice Degree conferred to Mr. Jerry Thomas
 Oct 3rd Pancake Breakfast Public Welcome
 Oct 14th Stated Meeting Customs appreciation night Guest speaker, open night, visitors welcome border guards invited to attend ..
 Oct 28th Stated Emergent Meeting... Degree team practice
 Oct 31st Halloween Dance and Costume Party , Corn on the Cob good old time music and sing along
 Nov 7th Entered Apprentice Degree at 11:30 am.
 Nov 11th Remembrance Day Special Stated Meeting Ceremony
 Nov 25th Stated Emergent Meeting... Thanks giving Day dinner Nooksack Valley 105
 Dec 5th 1st Annual Nooksack Valley 105 Table Lodge
Dark for the rest of December and January
 Feb 10th Stated Meeting
 Feb 13th Sweet Heart Dance Good Music
 Feb 24th Stated emergent meeting Degree Practice, degree team
 Mar 10th Stated Meeting Business
 Mar 24th Stated Emergent Meeting Degree Practice
 Mar 27th
 April 14th Stated Meeting Business
 April 28th Widows degree and pins awarded to wives 7 p.m. start
 May 8th Mothers Day Dance and dinner
 May 12th Stated Meeting Business
 May 26th Stated emergent meeting degree team practice
 June 5th Chili Cook Off
 June 8th Stated meeting business elections
 June 22nd Send off dinner

NW Shrine Club

The holiday season is here again Nobles and Ladies. On Tuesday November 3, 2009 we will have our monthly dinner meeting at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli and Ale House, 709 W. Orchard Dr. It will be a complete Turkey Dinner with all the fixings. Cost is \$17.00 per person. Reservations are required, Call Noble George Edwards at 360-303-0492 or E-mail him at george@syscongrp.com.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29, 2009.

Zem Zem is @ 6:00 p.m. Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.
Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.

Also this is election night for new officers for the 2010 year. The Sunshine Committee has been busy: Noble Walt Tanguy fell about 4 weeks ago and broke his hip, he's in Mt Baker care center at present and is doing good. He's in room 124. There have been a couple of birthday's the last of September and this month Noble Bill Follis and Lady Janette Burnett, Happy Birthday to you both. Noble's John Burley and Tom Elder have been under the weather will be sending them Get Well cards, Missing you cards will be going out to Nobles Bill Taylor, Bob Brower & Ray Stewart, plus Lady Janette Burnett. This news just came in today Noble Chuck McCord will be having surgery on Friday October 9, 2009 in Seattle, and is expected to have a complete recovery, Best Wishes to you Noble Chuck. Don't forget to keep these Nobles and Ladies in your prayers. Wishing you all Happy Holidays for November. Remember drive safety.

Your in Faith
Ron Fine, Sunshine Chairman


Bellingham Temple Association—Report

The Bellingham Masonic Center, Temple Board, held its fourth quarter 2009 meeting on Thursday, October, 22nd. The meeting was attended by a few Bond Holders and representatives of most of the long-term renters of the facility. The most serious issue for the Temple Board and renters is how to keep up the maintenance of the building. The heating/cooling unit, over the main lodge-room, is not repairable and a replacement must be made. But, the problem is that revenue is not keeping up with costs. One measure the Board took was to increase the rent for the adult Masonic Groups by \$100 per-quarter. The last increase was some 14 years ago, but more is needed and your suggestions and assistance is welcome.

One way for each member of the Masonic Family who uses the facility is to purchase Bonds—yes, you can still get Bonds to help finance the Bellingham Masonic Center. For details you may call or email Board President Vern Christianson at: **738-4889** chveja@comcast.net

Thanks,
Board Sec. John Browne: jbrowne@telcomplus.net

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 <i>Daylight-Savings Time Ends</i>	2 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30, F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC) <i>Full Moon</i>	3 NWSC - Zem Zem 6, Dinner 7, Meeting 8 PM ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p. <i>Election Day</i>	4 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	5 L # 56 stated at 7:30 pm W # 151 special - din. at 5:30 - lodge at 6:30, we have a MM Deg.	6 BB # 44 stated at 7:30 Past Masters Night	7 NV #105, Spl - EAM Degree 11:30 am.
8	9 F # 264 7:30 pm Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	10 F #73-stated 7: pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	11 NV # 105 6 p.m. Veterans Day Remembrance Day	12 Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.	13	14 MFLA 10 am
15	16 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC) <i>New Moon</i>	17 KI # 186 7:30 p. ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Brd. Meeting	18	19 W 151-stated dinner 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm	20 BB 44 no meeting, Thanksgiv-ing Dinner by RSVP	21 Bethel #25 at 7 pm
22	23	24 F # 73-Spl. Com 7: pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	25 NV #105 Spl - Thanksgiving Day Dinner	26  Thanksgiving Day - USA	27	28
29	30 <i>St. Andrew's Day - Canada</i>					

Try your hand at the Masonic Crossword puzzle at right. I'll print the answers in the December issue of the newsletter. →

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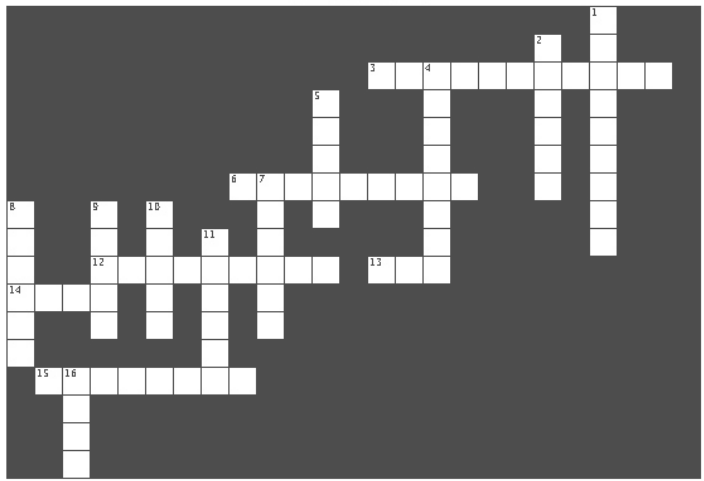
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Freemasonry 101



Across

- Someone who attempts to steal the secrets of Freemasonry is called a _____
- The Masonic compass symbolizes infinite boundaries.
- The "Lambskin Apron" represents _____
- No 151 Tyler is _____ McQuiston
- Larry _____ is the WM of 151
- 151 meets on the 1st and 3rd _____ of each month

Down

- The rough ashler represents the _____, untutored state of man
- The "Anchor" symbolizes the _____ of life.
- The perfect ashler represents an _____, refined man whose mind is filled with Light.
- WM of Lynden 56 for 2009 is Richard _____
- The "Sheaf of Corn" represents _____
- 151 secretary is John _____
- The "All Seeing Eye" represents _____
- 151 SD is _____ Thompson
- Faith & Immortality are represented by a Sprig of _____
- 151 JW is Bill _____