



# Letters from District No. 10

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November 2010



*Your attendance is requested*  
*Whatcom Masonic Lodge No. 151*

*Installation of Officers for 2011*

*Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 5 P.M.*

*4 p.m. Appetizers served, 6:15 p.m. Dinner, RSVP - dinner*

Please RSVP by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, to Secretary John Browne  
at 599-3481 or email: [jbrowne@telcomplus.net](mailto:jbrowne@telcomplus.net)

### Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Ferndale Lodge - 7:30- pm
Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	Whatcom Lodge - 6:30 pm
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	Kulshan Int. Lodge - 10:30 am

### Whatcom Lodge Report

**Stated Meeting** - Our stated meeting was held on October 21<sup>st</sup> with eighteen brothers attending. In addition to the regular business of the lodge, we had some petitions to Read, some presentations to make and a couple of interesting programs to enlighten and entertain.

**Petitions:** The secretary Read four new petitions, three for Affiliation and one for Plural Membership. WM Larry West appointed Investigation Committees for each petitioner; the petitions will be balloted on at the November 18<sup>th</sup> stated meeting.

**Programs:** A DVD lecture was viewed, from a course titled: **American Ideals - Founding a Republic of Virtue**, by Prof. Daniel Robinson. The 30 minute lecture was on the Declaration of Independence. Following the lecture Bro's Terrell Goertz & Monte Thompson spoke about their recent trips: Bro. Goertz visited Universal Fraternity Lodge #149 in Stratford, Connecticut and Bro. Monte visited Ireland, England and Belgium.

**Presentations:** Brother Scott Voss, who is our newest life member, was presented with his Life Membership Certificate. Brothers Craig Bruner and Joel Laufenberg were presented their lodge Id badges and a few brothers received their overdue lambskin apron inserts verifying that they had been initiated, passed and raised.

**Degrees Conferred:** At our Special Communication on October 7<sup>th</sup>, brother Mike Mozelewski was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Twenty-two Master Masons were on hand for the ceremony. The first section was performed by a law enforcement degree team, the majority of which were in uniform. The degree went very well and the Whatcom brothers were ably assisted by brothers from Bellingham Bay, Fairhaven and Kulshan Int. Lodges.

**Next meetings**- Our Special Communication is on Thursday, November 4th. We plan to rehearse our roles for the up-coming Installation. The 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation of Officers is scheduled for Saturday, November 6th, see the invitation above. The November Stated Communication will be on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Note:** Brothers the Dues Notices should arrive to you shortly, if not already. Please respond in a due and timely fashion. And, be as generous as your circumstances will allow.

Fraternally, John Browne - Secretary/Treasurer, contact information is at the bottom of page 3.

You are cordially invited  
to the

Open Installation of  
Lynden Lodge No. 56

Date: Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

Time: 4 PM

Location: Ferndale Masonic Center

A very nice dinner follows the ceremony,  
bring your Lady or a friend.



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

HOSTED BY  
NOOKSACK VALLEY LODGE #105

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

TIME: 9 TO HIGH NOON

There is NO Charge!  
(though we won't turn down a donation  
if you care to give one)

**Installation of Officers for 2010-2011**

The Annual Installation of Officers will take place at 4 PM on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Ferndale Masonic Center. The officers to be installed are follows:

- Worshipful Master* – Jerry L. Mason
- Senior Warden* – Jack A. Sprouls
- Junior Warden* – To be installed later
- Treasurer* – Eric P. Bauer
- Secretary* – Richard H. Decima
- Chaplain* – Francis E. Juntunen
- Marshal* – Howard G. Hanna
- Senior Deacon* – Travis Graddon
- Junior Deacon* – Christopher G. Boodey
- Senior Steward* – Claude D. Weadon
- Junior Steward* – Bart B. Boeckholt
- Tyler* – Michael Beaudry

The installation is open to all and the ceremony will be followed by a nice dinner.

**HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER**

Jack A. Sprouls, Master of Lynden Masonic Lodge No. 56, hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual *Hands Across the Border* dinner show on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Lynden Community Center.

This event traditionally honors the Grand Masters of Free & Accepted Masonic in Washington and Ancient Free & Accepted Masons in British Columbia & Yukon at a dinner and show in October which is attended by Masons, ladies, friends and guests.

This year, MWB G. Santy Lascano, Grand Master of F. & A.M. of Washington and MWB J. Alan Cross, Grand Master of A. F. & A.M. of British Columbia & Yukon were the honorees. More than 120 Masons and guests from Washington and British Columbia were present at the dinner show including Past Grand Masters MWB Wayne Deming and MWB Wayne Smith.

After the dinner, everyone was treated to excellent entertainment provided by *Trio Lumina* starring Matt Rehfeldt, cellist, Kimberly Breilein, flutist, and Sharyn Peterson, violinist. *Trio Lumina* has an extensive repertoire ranging from Bach to Rock and their performance was enjoyed by all!

**CHIP AT SEARS**

A two-day CHIP event was held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at the Sears store in Bellingham in celebration of their National Safety Weekend. 58 children participated. Taking part were Dick Myhre, Jerry Mason, Leslie Mason, Stephanie Mason, Dick Decima and Susan Decima.

Dick Decima, Secretary  
Lynden Lodge No. 56

Here is what ***Bellingham Bay***

has going on.

***November*** activities for Bellingham Bay #44

***Friday November 5<sup>th</sup>*** stated meeting to be open on the Master Mason degree at 7:30 and have a Master Mason proficiency.

***Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>*** the last highway clean up at 9:00 at the Maplewood Center.

***Friday November 19<sup>th</sup>*** will be the annual Thanksgiving dinner for Bellingham Bay at 6:30. Contact JW Russ Weston to reserve a place for dinner.

WM Gary Pitcher

**NWSC** Hello, Nobles & Ladies! On Tuesday, November 2, 2010 we will have our monthly dinner meeting at Jeckyl & Hyde Ale and Deli House 709 W. Orchard Drive. Menu for the evening will be: Turkey Dinner with all the fixings, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, and Dessert.

The Turkey will be cooked the regular way and some will be smoked. For reservations call Noble Ron Fine at 360-676-5747 or e-mail me at [RonFine2@aol.com](mailto:RonFine2@aol.com). Zem, Zem is at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Cost per person is \$17.00. **DEADLINE WILL BE THURSDAY OCTOBER 28, 2010.**

Our guest speaker will be Bret Hendrix, who will talk about our IRA's. Also we will be entertained by NWSC Kazoo and Sandpaper band. There will be elections for new officers for 2011. If you know of someone who would like to run for 1st V. President and 2nd V. President please call Nobles Skip Metzger, Chuck Loney or Ron Fine.

Yours in Faith, Ron Fine, Secretary

The Whatcom Brothers send their wishes for  
A Very Happy November Birthday!  
To:

November 4<sup>th</sup> - Bro. James McCullough

November 10<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Sam Hart

November 12<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Joe Barratt

November 17<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Hal Hofherr

November 17<sup>th</sup> - WB. Bruce McGuinnis

November 24<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Robert Ekdhal

## Island Spice . . . in Connecticut

This October, Brother Pat Churchill of Damascus Lodge #199 and myself took a trip to Hartford, Connecticut. We were sent by our company to take classes on insurance, annuities and mutual funds from The Hartford. We however, had additional motives for going. After dutifully attending the necessary classes, we stayed another couple of days to turn this into our own "Masonic trip" of discovery. First, we went to the home of one of Hartford's most famous residence, Samuel Clemens better known to us as author and Brother Mark Twain. We arrived too late for the final tour of the day, but managed to slide in with an after hours special "Ghost Tour" of the Twain Mansion. Bro. Churchill and myself were the only skeptics in the group. When we reached the top floor and arrived in Bro. Twain's "man cave", we observed his pool table and beautiful ventilation system which effectively dealt with the smoke from the almost TWENTY cigars Twain smoked on a daily basis. No women were ever allowed in this room. The tour guide breathlessly proclaimed that supernatural forces were at work that very night as "...for the first time in my career, I can actually smell cigar smoke in this room!" Pat and myself resisted the urge to bust out laughing like schoolchildren as we had just minutes before finished off a couple of robust cigars ourselves and no doubt contributed to the aura of the supernatural.

The next day, we drove to Rhode Island. The famous Fall Colors of the New England states were on display in their full majesty while we made our way to Newport, Rhode Island. After visiting "The Breakers", one of the more spectacular mansions from America's "Gilded Age", we proceeded to Touro Park to see the real reason for our trip to that state . . . the Newport Tower. The Newport Tower has inspired controversy, legends, and a possible re-thinking of history for hundreds of years. The construction appears to be of medieval origin, and there are fifteen different astrological alignments in the windows, arches, and key stones to intrigue and inspire the imagination. Many have alleged a possible connection to the legendary Knights Templar, and by proxy, the Freemasons. You can learn more about it in such books as "The Book of Hiram" and "The Hooked X."

The true highlight of this trip though, was yet to come. We drove back to Connecticut to the town of Stratford to attend a Blue Lodge meeting at Universal Fraternity #149. This was truly special. Southern Connecticut is somewhat of a magnet for Haitians and Lodge #149 is made up of Brothers who were mostly raised, both literally and Masonically, in Haiti. Also in attendance that night was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, who filled us in a little history of the Lodge. These Brothers applied for a Charter for Dispensation in 2006 from the state. This PGM was the Grand Master at the time. He told the Brothers he would grant the Charter in one year . . . IF they would learn to deliver all parts of all three degrees in English! You see, all these fine Brothers had been conducting all their work in their native tongue of FRENCH!

With incredible work, effort, dedication, and love for the Craft every Brother in this Lodge learned to become proficient in delivering the Degrees in fine form in their second language in just one year. They received their Charter for Dispensation and now proudly work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Bro. Churchill and I had the privilege of watching them put on a dual Fellow Craft Degree in outstanding form. A fine job was done from the Tyler to the Worshipful Master and everyone in between. We even got to hear them sing . . . in French.

These Brothers should be an inspiration to us all. Every Mason should consider his ability to contribute in Lodge, Chapter, Council or whatever Masonic body he's a member of. Even a 3-5 line part done from memory will contribute enormously to all our enjoyment and fraternally bonding. After all, I bet NOBODY will ever order you to deliver the Middle Chamber Lecture in French!

Brother Terrell Goertz

To contribute to this newsletter please send your letter, comment, historical fact, poem or calendar announcement, by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month, to:

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## Fairhaven Lodge No. 73

This is just a notice to let all of you know that Fairhaven will NOT be having a special meeting in October, we will be going Saturday to the W&O's meeting, Lynden's Installation, and Jobies Official Visit. We are back on schedule for the month of November.

WB Thom Baughn - Secretary

## Ferndale Lodge No. 264

*An Open Letter to our Masonic Family - happenings in Ferndale Lodge.*

First and foremost, Ferndale lodge has experienced a sudden growth in new members and it has been wonderful. Our newest Entered Apprentice Masons are: John Smith, Tim Coto and Jan (pronounced yon) Bradley. Our most recent Master Mason degree was conferred upon Kyle Deming, who was installed as Senior Deacon on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. I am very excited about the momentum we have attained and hope that we will continue to grow and confer degrees. If you get a chance, stop by one of our meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays) and get to know these excellent new Masons.

On a sadder note, we have lost some brothers as well. Gene Callan, Robert Paul, Robert Staglund and Walt Tanguy have all passed-on. I did not have the pleasure of knowing most of these brothers personally, but Walt I considered a close friend. His loss affected me personally and the lodge as a whole.

We were busy this summer, planning and implementing Ferndale's portion of the Child Identification Program (CHIP). Many thanks go out to Kyle Deming and Landon Estes who coordinated this year's efforts. They were both a bit under the gun since the grass likes to grow in the summer (keeping Landon busy with his landscaping business). Kyle was married on October 10<sup>th</sup> and we were pleased that Kyle chose to exchange wedding vows with his lovely lady at the Ferndale lodge, with his brothers on hand, (yep, in keeping with the male tradition of picking easy to remember dates, Kyle chose 10/10/10).

For a lodge project we have taken on the maintenance of the Masonic memorial at Greenacres cemetery at the corner of Northwest and Axton. Bro. Jan Bradley is leading the effort for Ferndale lodge on this project.

We are also talking about setting up a booth or table at the Ferndale Civil War Reenactment next year. I have been fascinated with the Civil War for quite some time and have recently heard of some interesting Masonic stories from that period. I was thinking it would be neat to do some research on the topic and create some displays we could show which would describe Masonic activity during the Civil War and possibly have some physical items from the time to display as well. I know that none of the other lodges are involved in doing something like this, so this could be uniquely Ferndale's. Brother John Smith, who was recently initiated, is quite the history buff and has agreed to lead this effort. If anyone has personal information, such as a past family member who was a mason during that time period, we would love to hear from you. The more information we have the better.

Ferndale gave solidly to the MEC scholarship awards this year and for that I thank you. I would love to see us as leaders in this field. I believe fervently that, for this nation to survive, we need to encourage scholarship and community involvement in our youth as strongly as possible. On a similar note, we also gave a sizable donation to the Bikes For Books campaign this year. All in all, I would say we have earned our Pillars of Progress award for community involvement.


The brothers of Ferndale Lodge love to have Masonic visitors. I'm trying to make the meetings interesting and time-conscious, and participating in brotherly fellowship is good for the soul. Plus we have a number of new masons for you to meet. I wish you all well and to see you Masons in lodge!

Fraternally,  
WB Jeff Moisan

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

“Friendship is the source of the greatest pleasures, and without friends  
 even the most agreeable pursuits become tedious”.

~ St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8. Din-ner at 6:30, meet 7:30 pm F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>2</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.  <i>Be sure to VOTE</i> Election Day	<b>3</b> SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)  NV #105 - Board of Gen Purposes, 7 pm.	<b>4</b> L # 56 stated meet-ing 7:30 pm  W #151 - Spl. Comm - an installation practice is planned. 6:30 pm.	<b>5</b> BB # 44 stated 7:30 pm.	<b>6</b> Whatcom Lodge - Open Installation of Officers at 5 PM
<b>7</b>  Daylight Savings Time Ends	<b>8</b> F # 264 - 7:30 p. Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM	<b>9</b> F # 73-stated 7 pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	<b>10</b> NV # 105 - stated 6 pm	<b>11</b> Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.  Veteran's Day Remembrance Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> NV #105 hosts a Pancake breakfast from 9 to high noon.
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Bellingham Chp Royal Arch F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC) Eid al-Adha Begins at Sundown	<b>16</b> ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> W 151-stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	<b>19</b> BB # 44 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner - at 6:30 pm. RSVP JW Russ Weston.	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> F # 73-Spl. 7 pm.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Thanksgiving Day - USA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> KI # 186, stated, at 10:30 am. Bethel #25 at 7 pm
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

Common sense and a sense of humor are the same thing,  
 moving at different speeds. A sense of humor  
 is just common sense,  
*dancing.*  
 William James

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**John Sleeth (Ext 301)**

**Next Highway Clean Up**

Masonic Highwaymen:

Our last fall clean up date has been set for Saturday, November 6, leaving by 9:00 a.m. from the rear of the West Maplewood Masonic Center. With ten steady brothers, we can get the roadway cleaned in 90 minutes. Come join me, properly clothed and vouched for. I've got the bags, hats, grabbers and vests. Bring your boots, gloves and rain gear, that way we should have plenty of [fun with or without the] sun!

*Ken Gass, Secretary, Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44*