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## TABLE LODGE

Hosted by Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105  
at 601 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Nooksack, WA

Saturday ~ November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Lodge will be open on the First Degree, EAMs are most welcome!

[Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available for toasts]

Dinner ~ main course is steak, served at 5:30 PM,

The cost is \$35, Canadian funds at par

Each participant gets his own keepsake "toasting cannon."

**Attire** - Officers in tuxedo ~ Brethren in suit & tie

**Table Master:** VWB Sam Roberts

**Make your reservations with:** WB Dick Decima

**Hm phone:** 360-392-0145 ~ **email:** [rhdecima@alo.com](mailto:rhdecima@alo.com)

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	San Juan Lodge - 7:30 PM
Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lynden Int. Lodge - 7:30 PM
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bellingham Bay Lodge - 7:30 P
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm
Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ferndale Lodge - 7:30- pm
Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	Whatcom Lodge - 6:30 pm - dinner - 5:30; mtg. at 6:30 pm.

## Widows and Orphan Fund

It is that time of the year when the "Widows and Orphan Fund of District No. 10" has its annual meeting. The Widows and Orphan Fund was started decades ago and has its membership tied to all lodges of District No. 10 except San Juan Lodge. Only Master Masons and members of lodges in District No. 10 are members of the Fund. If you are a member please put the following information on your calendar:

**What:** Widow's and Orphan Fund  
District 10 - Annual Meeting

**When:** Saturday, **October 29<sup>th</sup>**, 2011

**Time:** NOON - 12:00 pm

**Where:** 2626 West Maplewood Ave.,  
Bellingham, WA.

A small meal will be provided for members and a guest.

If you are not a member consider joining, an application can be obtained from your lodge secretary or an officer of the Fund.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally yours,

*Rick Kiene,*

Pres. W & O Fund for District 10

## Whatcom Lodge Report

**Stated Meeting** - Our stated meeting was held on October 20<sup>th</sup> with 29 brothers attending, 9 of whom were visitors. WM Monte Thompson opened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and said that the purpose of this Stated Mtg. was to conduct the regular business of the lodge and to confer the MM Degree on Bro. Craig Bruner.

**Business:** In addition to the regular bills we had a petition to ballot and a Resolution to Amend the By-Laws to vote on. The resolution, to add the annual Grand Lodge Dues as part of the annual lodge fees was passed unanimously. This year the annual GL dues will be \$17 per chargeable MM member of each lodge. The annual GL dues will increase \$2 per year, this year and for four more years until it reaches \$25 per chargeable MM member in 2016.

**Degree Conferred:** At our Special Comm. On Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> SW Terrell Goertz conferred the EA Degree on Trevor Kellow. Nineteen brothers attendned this meeting and it was particularly special because Bro. Trevor's Grandfather, who resides in California, called the hall prior to the degree and wished his grandson well on his entering the craft. This evening, 10/20/2011, the MM Degree was conferred on Bro. Craig Bruner by VW John Browne; several brothers performed new roles and performed very well.

**Petitions:** The Petition for Plural Membership from Bro. Al Gregor was balloted on and the result was Fair, Clear & Bright.

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## Notes from Lynden Int. Lodge No. 56

**Thursday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Stated Communication - 7:30 PM

**Thursday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>:** Special Communication - 7:30 PM

**MM Degree:** On Thursday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> we will raise Brother Stephen Anthony Aulds to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The lodge will be tiled at 7:30 PM.



Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 is the date for our 124<sup>th</sup> Installation of Officers for the 2012 term.

The ceremony will begin at 4 PM

At the Ferndale Masonic Center, Ferndale WA.

VWB Marion Windell will be the Installing Master. Light refreshments will be served immediately after the open installation.

### Officers for 2012

Worshipful Master	VW Charles Cunningham
Senior Warden	Bro. Travis Graddon
Junior Warden	Bro. Christopher Boodey
Treasurer	Bro. Eric Bauer
Secretary	WB Richard Decima
Chaplin	
Marshal	Bro. Donald Aho
Senior Deacon	WB Jerry Mason
Junior Deacon	Bro. Troy Luginbil
Senior Steward	WB Claude Weadon
Organist	VW John Sleeth
Tyler	Bro. Howard Hanna

This is an Open ceremony

### Some Valuable Thoughts

“The stream of thought flows on; but most of its segments fall into the bottomless abyss of oblivion. Of some, no memory survives the instant of their passage. Of others, it is confined to a few moments, hours or days. Others, again, leave vestiges which are indestructible and by means of which they may be recalled as long as life endures.”

~ William James  
(Philosopher and much more)

“When will our consciences grow so tender that we will act to prevent human misery rather than avenge it?”

~ Eleanor Roosevelt, 1884-1962

## Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105

Our last stated meeting was held on Wed. October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The Pot Luck dinner was wonderful as per usual and business was handled efficiently when we returned to lodge after refreshment.

**Balloting:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Petition for Plural membership from VW Karl Warren was made and the Investigation Report was Full & Favorable. The result of the ballot was Fair, Clear & Bright. Congratulations to VW Karl Warren who is now the newsiest member of NVL #105.

**Degrees:** The MM Degree for Bro. Jerry Thomas was conferred on Wed. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. The degree was conferred by VW John Browne with WM Tim Springstead as the Sen. Deacon. The Working Tools were presented by VW Sam Robert, our Grand Lecturer. Both Sections, One & Two were done in costume. The Degree Team was filled with talent from near & far. Team Ruffian was comprised of NVL/Everett Lodge Bro.'s who reside down in the Snohomish County area. Role players belonging to Whatcom Lodge made up Team Craftsmen. The Master's Lecture was given by the team of VW Karl Warren and WB Jerry Mason. As you know many of our NVL Bro.'s are resident's of British Columbia, so, NVL pulled together an unusually diverse MM Degree Team for Bro. Jerry's benefit. A fine job was performed by all!

### *Dates to remember:*

**Wed. Nov 1<sup>st</sup>:** practice for our up-coming table lodge which takes place on Saturday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Wed. Nov 9<sup>th</sup>:** Stated Meeting - we open lodge at 6 PM, go to refreshment and dine with our ladies, we return to labor at 7 PM and take care of lodge business.

**Sat. Nov 12<sup>th</sup>:** 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105, TABLE LODGE. We gather at 5 PM and serve dinner at 5:30 PM. Make your reservations with WB Dick Decima 360-392-0145  
~~ email: rhdecima@alo.com.

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**Note:** Nooksack Valley Lodge is **Dark** in December & January, but that does not mean that we will be inactive, so keep reading the District Ten Newsletter for up-coming events.

**Wed. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>:** Stated Meeting - we open lodge at 6 PM, go to refreshment and dine with our ladies, we return to labor at 7 PM and take care of lodge business.

Please come and join us for family style fraternalism. The Officers of Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105

## Not Just for Today, but for Years to Come

- ***The Mission of the Grand Lodge of Washington***
- *To provide a strong and viable leadership to the Masons of Washington*
- *To develop and implement programs to assist the member lodges in becoming more visible, value-added, and active in their communities*
- *To assist member lodges in the Masonic education of individual members*
- *To facilitate the charitable outreach of the Grand Lodge of Washington*
- *To enhance public awareness of the Craft and its core principles throughout the state*

Following his installation as Grand Master, MW Michael Sanders announced the formation of a Task Force on Planned Giving. A planned gift is simply the process of making a charitable donation in a manner that can financially benefit both the donor and the institution receiving the gift.

Once established, The Grand Lodge of Washington Planned Giving Program will provide the brethren of our jurisdiction a tax-favored avenue to help the Grand Lodge achieve its mission stated above – not just for today, but for years to come. The Planned Giving Program will also allow the brethren a similar means to direct gifts to individual lodges, concordant & appendant bodies, and the youth groups. Comprised of brethren with extensive financial and legal backgrounds, this task force is charged with creating such a program.

Everyone has their own reasons for giving. Whether your incentive stems from tax-related benefits, your strong belief in the work of the fraternity, or your personal philanthropic vision, the benefits of planned giving are plentiful:

***Fulfillment*** - knowing that you are contributing to a cause you believe in, or which holds special significance to you;

***Financial*** - acquiring tax benefits now, and decreasing the amount of tax your estate will be required to pay;

***Control*** - ensuring your wishes are followed, and your charitable legacy continues after your death;

***Comfort*** - ensuring your financial and family affairs are in order prior to your death:

***Convenience*** - by having professionals manage your assets, you can be assured that your assets are protected, without worrying about ongoing management decisions; and

***Protection*** - attaining peace of mind by determining your charitable legacies in advance, instead of postponing or never creating a plan

The Task Force on Planned Giving has already developed the infrastructure for The Grand Lodge of Washington Planned Giving Program. There is still work to do with respect to establishing policies. You can look forward to finding out all the details at the upcoming Regional Communications.

Fraternally,  
VW Jim Mendoza  
Task Force on Planned Giving, Chairman

### Bethel No. 25 Jobs Daughters

#### ***October Meetings:***

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Masons are especially welcome to attend the meetings of Bethel No. 25. Your support of Masonic Youth today will help build a stronger community for tomorrow.

Sincerely:  
HQ Clair Bynon



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Person to contact: Bro. Constantin (Tony) Anton

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## "Dues" and Timely Notice !

It's that time of year, again, when lodge secretaries send out the Dues Notices for the ensuing year, 2012. Please respond to your lodge's notice in a Do and Timely Fashion. Your lodge secretary works very hard for your lodge, so give him a helping hand by sending in your dues, assessments and donations as soon after receiving the notice as possible.

Thanks from the secretaries in District No. Ten.



### Scottish Rite Masonry Valley of Bellingham

Scottish Rite Foundation of Washington Higher Education Assistance The Scottish Rite Foundation of Washington accepts applications from November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> of each school year. Interested College or University Sophomore students should contact the Director of the Scottish Rite Scholarship Foundation in Whatcom County - G. Winton Smith or Mark Quenneville. If you are attending a college some distance from your home area you may contact a Director in the area closest to your school. They will be happy to help you. Registration for applications closes March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Application Deadline** - The deadline for submitting your completed application is March 31st. Applications for the 2011-2012 year will be accepted starting November 1, 2011. Please Note: An interview with the Director is held before you receive the application. You may schedule your interview during your winter break and then accumulate the materials to be turned in no later than March 31. The deadline for 2011-2012 applications is March 31, 2011. Applicants will be notified regarding their acceptance by the first of June.

**Graduate Fellowships** - Students interested in finding out more about the various scholarships and fellowships offered by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Washington should contact the Scottish Rite Scholarship Director in Whatcom County:

G. Winton Smith ([wintonsmith@comcast.net](mailto:wintonsmith@comcast.net))  
or Mark Quenneville ([mark@quenneville.org](mailto:mark@quenneville.org))

They may be contacted via the Valley of Bellingham, Attn. G. Winton Smith or Mark Quenneville, 1101 N State St Ste 100, Bellingham, WA 98225 or via email above.

John Sleeth, General Secretary  
[secretary@scottish-rite.com](mailto:secretary@scottish-rite.com)  
360-733-1103

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

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** – Stated: Open 7:30 PM

**Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

Sec. Ken Gass



**NWSC** On Tuesday November 1, 2011 we will have our annual Holiday Dinner of Turkey and all the fixings. This will take place at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli and Ale House 709 W. Orchard Drive. Call Noble Ron Fine at 360-676-5747 or E-mail me at [RonFine2@aol.com](mailto:RonFine2@aol.com). All for the price of \$17.00 per person. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY OCTOBER 27, 2011. Zem,Zem at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 8:00 p.m. At our October meeting we unveiled our new Northwest Shrine Club Blanket; colors are Red, White & Blue, shows the a Shriner carrying a child with the motto underneath. Cost is \$60.00 ea, plus we have the Shriner Bear for \$10.00. There will be elections at this meeting for new officers, come out and get the Nobles you want to run for the club for the next year. Sunshine Committee: Noble Bill Taylor is not doing well he's in Life Care Center Sedro Woolley, Ted McQuiston is getting along better Room 64 West Alderwood Care Center, John Burley is getting around but his legs are still giving him problems, Lady Louise Greer was in the hospital with a blood clot in her leg but she's up and about now. Remember Nobles & Ladies if you hear or know of someone who's ill let Lady Sharon & I know so we can send a card off and keep in touch with them. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving and be careful out there.

Yours in Faith,  
Ron Fine, Secretary.



### Evergreen Assembly No. 17 - Rainbow Girls

Stated Meetings are: Tuesdays, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Rainbow is for girls between 11 and 20 who want to serve their community and make a difference. Learn to be a leader, have access to scholarships, meet girls from all over Washington, make friends for life and did I mention big poofy dresses? If you know any girls who might want more info and live in Whatcom County please message me and I will take it from there: Thanks!!!

Wendy Knowlton  
MA Evergreen Assembly #17  
[swkjer@yahoo.com](mailto:swkjer@yahoo.com)



*Presentation:* WB Lorne Larson and 5 brothers from Prince David Lodge No. 101, Maple Ridge, BC, presented WB Monte Thompson with the Traveling Trowel, which we hope to return in the Spring, one we bring the engraving of Whatcom Lodge Masters up-to-date.

*In Memoriam:* A moment of silence was observed for the passing of a very fine Lady, Mrs. Connie Livermore, who passed away on October 12th, 2011. Secretary Browne read Psalm 23 in her honor. VW Glenn Hutchings observed that “she was the real go-to lady for the lodge in the 1980’s and 90’s, I suspect she planned most all of the installation refreshments during those year’s.”

*Fraternally, John Browne* - Secretary/Treasurer, contact information is at the bottom of page 5.

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## Philosophy in Poetic Style

Home shall men come,  
 To an older place than Eden  
 And a taller town than Rome.  
 To the end of the way of the wandering star,  
 To the things that cannot be and that are,  
 To the place where God was homeless  
 And all men are at home.  
 ~ G. K. Chesterton



A foolish consistency  
 is the hobgoblin of little minds,  
 adored by little statesmen  
 and philosophers and divines.  
 With consistency a great soul  
 has simply nothing to do.  
 ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



1. As a general rule the most successful man in life is the man who has the best information.
2. The fool wonders, the wise man asks.
3. The delight of opening a new pursuit, or a new course of reading, imparts the vivacity and novelty of youth even to old age.  
 ~ Benjamin Disraeli



Mankind is not a tribe of animals  
 to which we owe compassion.  
 Mankind is a club  
 to which we owe our subscription.  
 ~ G. K. Chesterton

## On the Hard Road of Life

1. “Everybody, soon or late, sits down to a banquet of consequences.”
2. “The cruelest lies are often told in silence.”
3. “The world has no room for cowards. We must all be ready somehow to toil, to suffer, to die. And yours is not the less noble because no drum beats before you when you go out into your daily battle fields, and no crowds shout about your coming when you return from your daily victory or defeat.”

~ Robert Louis Stevenson  
 (Author of Treasure Island and other great novels)



## Masonic Leadership Association

Whatcom Lodge No. 151 will be hosting the next meeting of the Masonic Leadership Association. On November 19th we will be featuring each of the Lodge in District No. 10. We have requested each Worshipful Master to serve on a panel to present one of your most successful 2011 projects.

After all the Masters have made their five minute presentation, the discussion will be open to all who attend to ask questions of the Masters on their various projects. During the past year, your Masonic Leadership Association has presented many different programs to uplift the knowledge of the Brothers who have attended. Attendance has been as low as 13 and with the largest turnout of more than 30.

At this meeting we will be passing the gavel onto the next set of officers. Let them know what you liked about the past years programs and which ones you would like to see continued. This is your Masonic Leadership Association. Plan on attending the next meeting at 9:30AM social on Saturday, November 19th at 2626 Maplewood Ave in Bellingham.


John Sleeth,  
 President, Masonic Leadership Association.



Education, then, beyond all other devices  
 of human origin, is the great equalizer  
 of the conditions of man - the balance  
 wheel of the social machinery.

~ Horace Mann

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>31</b>	<b>1</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 pm	<b>2</b> SJ # 175 - stated 7:30 p. (FHMC) V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm.	<b>3</b> L Int. #56 stated 7:30 pm. W151 - Spl. We have an MM Deg. Dinner at 5:30 Lodge at 6:30 pm.	<b>4</b> BB # 44 - Stated Comm. 7:30 pm.	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>  Daylight Saving Time Ends	<b>7</b> Hesperus Commandery No. 8. Dinner at 6:30, meet 7:30 pm F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>8</b> F # 73-stated 7 pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 (FMC)  Election Day	<b>9 12</b> NV # 105 - stated at 6 pm - our ladies are invited - pot luck dinner at 6:15 PM V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Bethel # 25 at 6 pm.  Veterans Day	<b>12</b> NVL hosts Table Lodge, gather at 5 pm dinner at 5:30. RSVP - see page 1 Ad.
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> F # 264 - 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p  Columbus Day	<b>15</b> ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	<b>16</b> SJ # 175 - Spl. 7:30 p. (FHMC) V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	<b>17</b> W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm. L Int. #56 special 7:30 pm.	<b>18</b> BB 44 - Spl. Comm. 7:30 pm.	<b>19</b> MLA – hosted at the B'ham Masonic Center
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>22</b> F # 73 - Spl. Comm. at 7:30 pm. Evergreen RB # 17 (FMC)	<b>23</b> V of B Scottish Rite: Corporation Mtg at 7 pm Executive Mtg at 8 pm	<b>24</b>  Thanksgiving Day	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Bethel #25 at 6 pm
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> F # 264 - Spl. Comm. At 7:30 pm.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

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 Hoffherr  
 November 17<sup>th</sup> - W/B. Bruce McGuinnis  
 November 24<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Robert Ekdhal

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