



# Letters from District No. 10

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## Whatcom Lodge Report

**Greetings Brethren:** The month of November brings the full force of Autumn to the Pacific Northwest. The rich colors are on the wane, winds and rain are being felt and out where Country John resides we have had several visits from "Jack Frost." November really kicks off the Holiday Season as it follows *All Hallows Eve* (Oct/31) with *All Saints Day* (Nov/1), *Rainbow's Masonic Dinner* (Nov/10), *Veteran's Day* (Nov/11) and *Thanksgiving Day* (Nov/28) in the U.S.

**October Special:** Our October Spl. was on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> with 21 Whatcom members and 3 visiting Masons. Visitors were: WB Ron Adams, Holland Lodge #1 (Texas); WB Kurt Gazow PM and WM Dick Zaglow both of BB#44. They were accorded a very warm welcome.

**Installation of Officers:** The primary purpose of the meeting was the annual installation of officers. WB Ted Schuman performed as Installing Officer. The following brethren were installed into office:

WB (city) John Brown as WM; WB Craig Bruner as JW;

WB Ted Schuman as Trea; VW (country) John Browne as Sec'y;

WB Thom Baughn as Chap; WB David Nelson as Mar; Br. Frank Myers as JD

Br. Jeff Roskelley as SS; Br. Bill Kappel as JS and Br. Jerry Hill as Tyler.

**Award Issued:** WB Thom Baughn addressed the brethren and said that Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay would be honoring VW Don Higginson by investing him with the Legion of Honor on October 19<sup>th</sup>. A round of applause was accorded to VW Don.

**Sickness & Relief:** The sec'y read an email from the Grand Sec'y advising that MWB Chuck McQuery had passed away on September, 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Luncheons:** Our Masonic luncheon was held on Tuesday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> had 11 in attendance. The next luncheon is set for Tuesday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Stated Communication:** Thursday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> was the Stated meeting and we had 18 members, 1 visitor and 1 dinner guest.

**District Ten Meeting:** WB Craig Bruner gave a report on the District Ten meeting which had an attendance of 37, including the Grand Master and his team. All three district 10 lodges were represented but I must say that turn out could have better in my opinion. In the main the meeting went well and informative discussion was shared. The Grand old Masonic Retirement Home was sold last month and the proceeds will go, as required, to support our Washington Masonic Charities for Windows and Orphans.

This information was followed by a discussion about our own District Ten windows and Orphans Fund, which will stay under our local control for local Masonic Widows and Orphans who are within the program. This program is open to Master Masons and if interested check page 4 for contact details.

*Fraternally,* John Browne, Secretary ... **Contact info is at bottom right corner, page 4**



Whatcom Lodge 151 meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> (special) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (stated-business) Thursdays of each month.

Whatcom Lodge emphasizes Masonic heritage and ritual proficiency. We are proud to support our Masonic Youth organizations and encourage members to practice charity outside the lodge. It is our intention to promote individuals to build their own strong moral and spiritual temples.

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 p

Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

## Up-coming Events

**Maple Leaf Chapter....** On Saturday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> Maple Leaf Chp. #58 is holding a party to honor the Office of the OES Grand Chaplain and Gary Pitcher. See page 2 for details.

**Rainbow Dinner....** Once again our Rainbow Assembly will host a free dinner for Masons and their families. The date is Sunday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, please join us at the W. Maplewood Hall at 1 pm. See details on page 2. Please **RSVP** Madison Beal at [madisonbeal@gmail.com](mailto:madisonbeal@gmail.com)

**Masonic Monthly Luncheon....** Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

**Celebration of Life...** A Celebration of Life for MWB Charles McQuery will take place on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, see page 3 for details.

**Masonic Monthly Luncheon....** Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

**Feast of St. John the Evangelist...** The annual feast will take place this year in the Scottish Rite Dining room. The social hour will begin at 6:pm. The date is the traditional Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Attire is business suit for men and the ladies may dress up for a festive evening. An **RSVP** is expected to help us plan. The sec'y will take your information:

[jbrowne.brf@gmail.com](mailto:jbrowne.brf@gmail.com)

Notes from Lynden/Ferndale Int.  
Lodge No. 56

Nov 14<sup>th</sup>                      Stated Meeting                      7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

**Guest Speaker** We will have a distinguished guest speaker at our Stated Communication, RWB Trevor W. McKeown. See information in the right hand column.

**Next Stated Communication**

Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We have a very Interesting guest speaker lined up, Masons interested in Masonic history will not want to miss it.

**December Stated** our Stated Communication for this month is on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>, we tile at 7 pm.

WB Dick Decima,  
Secretary....Ph. 392-0145 \_ [rhdecima@aol.com](mailto:rhdecima@aol.com).

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## *You are invited to a Party*

Maple Leaf Chapter, OES Would Like you  
To Join Us In Honoring

The Office of Grand Chaplain  
And Gary Pitcher

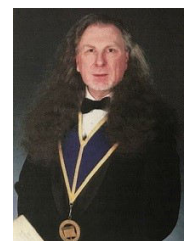
**Date:**                      Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Time:**                      1:30 pm

**Location:**              Bellingham Masonic Center  
2626 West Maplewood Ave.  
Bellingham, WA 98266

Special Invitation's to:  
The Heartsong Grand Family  
The Lightkeeper Grand Family  
Merry Mice Deputy Instructors  
Can-Can Deputy Instructors  
And  
All Eastern Star Friends

### Guest Speaker at Lynden/Ferndale Int, #56

On Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 we are happy to announce that RW Trevor W. McKeown be at Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge 56. His topic will be the Regis Manuscript which dates from the late 1300's and is considered the oldest Masonic document available to study directly. He is the curator of the Vancouver Masonic Library and Museum, a position he has held since 1996.



RWB McKeown is the author of numerous articles in a variety of publications. In addition to Lodge offices he has been Grand Steward (2001-2002), Grand Historian (2005-2018, 2019—), Grand Representative (2019—) Lower Fraser Valley District Deputy Grand Master ; 2018-2019.

We believe you'll find RW McKeown both interesting and informative.

**Masonic Family  
thanksgiving**

JOIN US AT 1PM ON SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 10TH 2019  
FOR A DAY OF FRIENDSHIP,  
FOOD, AND MASONIC  
FESTIVITIES!  
PLEASE RSVP TO WA MADISON  
BEAL FOR A HEADCOUNT -  
[MADISONABEAL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MADISONABEAL@GMAIL.COM)

# Northwest Shrine Club

The next meeting of the Northwest Shrine Club will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Dinner meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Jeckyl & Hyde Restaurant. Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Cost is \$20 per person and all members of any Masonic Blue Lodge is welcome to attend and bring a guest. We have a great dinner, a guest speaker and raffle. We will have nominations for next year's officers.

### Events:

We are planning on a trip to the Portland Hospital to make a donation.

One event planned for next year is a "Shriners Day" at a Bellingham Bells baseball game. In addition to our usual participation in parades and assisting with clinics held by the Portland Hospital in Bellingham twice a year.

Submitted by  
**Noble Greg Cory**  
Past President



*The Grand Lodge*  
of  
**WASHINGTON**

Brethren,

A Celebration of Life for MW Bro. Charles McQuery will be held at the Bothell United Methodist Church located at 18515 92nd Ave. NE, Bothell, WA 98011 on Saturday, November 23, 2019.

The service will start at 10:00 AM and there will be a reception to follow. As previously announced, the family has requested that donations be made to the Masonic Youth Travel Fund in memory of MW Charles McQuery.

Donations can be sent to Washington Masonic Charities, 4970 Bridgeport Way W., University Place, WA 98467 or can be made online at <https://www.wa-masoniccharities.org/donate/chuck-mcquery-memorial-fund/>. Please make sure that you note on your check that the donation is for the Masonic Youth Travel Fund.

Fraternally,  
Clint Brown  
Grand Secretary

# Scottish Rite Temple

A Mosaic Pavement with Indented Tessel is being installed in the lodge room floor at the Scottish Rite Hall.



Above is EA Brother Kristian Nason, an operative as well as speculative Mason installing granite and marble tiles. The indented tessel will encompass the outside border. Photo from VW G. Winton Smith

The Valley of Bellingham Scottish Rite in conjunction with Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44 and Whatcom Lodge No. 151 is installing a *Mosaic Pavement with Indented Tessel* in the center of the ground floor lodge room. This will make real one portion of the entered Apprentice Initiation experience for both the candidates and onlookers. I for one, who give the 3rd section of the EA Master's Lecture, am looking forward to incorporating this floor into my ritual delivery.

You will also notice in the photo, the tracing board hanging on the wall to the left in the picture. There are now three, one for each degree on that wall all nicely glassed and framed. It was an amazing coincidence that the wall color actually coordinated well with the faded yellow tracing paper.

I as a member of Whatcom Lodge am very happy to be back in the hall where I was initiated, passed and raised, sort of feels like being home. I thank the brethren of Valley of Bellingham Scottish Rite for their warm and welcoming reception to our return.

*John Browne* ~ Sec'y of Whatcom Lodge 151

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
29	30	1	2	3	1 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	2 Maple Leaf Chp OES hosts a Party to Honor the Office of Grand Chaplain and Gary Pitcher, see p 2 for details.
3  <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	4 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 - 7:30	5 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p  <i>Election Day</i>	6 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	7 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm.	8	9
10 Rainbow Dinner for Masons, 1 pm <b>RSVP</b> see page 2.	11 Bellingham Coun- cil No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)  <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12 Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm	13 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	14 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm. We have a guest speaker, see p 2 for details. Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	15 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p.	16
17	18 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p.	19 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	20 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	21 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	22	23 Celebration of Life for MWB Charles McQuery, see p 3. Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm
24	25 F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	26 Bellingham Tem- ple Association meet- ing 7:30 PM	27 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	28 Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	29	30

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

If you would like to know more about  
the W & O Fund contact  
one of the officers listed below.

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WB John Brown - *President,*

WB Jesse Petersen - *Vice President*  
 360-319-5556



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the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month, to:

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