



# Letters from District No. 10

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October 2009

## District Ten Dinner and Meeting,

Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>

Hosted by Kulshan Int'l Lodge No. 186

At the Bellingham Masonic Center, 2626 West Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, WA.

You and your Lady are cordially invited  
to join the brothers of District No. 10 in receiving our Grand Master,  
M.: W.: Gale H. Kenney, on the occasion of his Official Visit.

Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$20 per couple or \$12.50 per brother

The menu is *Salmon or Prime Rib* and your entree will be served with all the associated sides.

The Job's Daughters of Bethel #25 will be serving the dinner and providing the deserts for  
a silent desert auction.

Please email your reservation to:

V.: W.: Charles Cunningham at [cwjchome@msn.com](mailto:cwjchome@msn.com).

Meal tickets will be held "will call" at the hall and monies collected then.

\*\*\* Please be sure to specify your choice of entree when making your reservations. \*\*\*

## Stated Meeting Dates

of the

## District Ten Lodges

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Oct 7<sup>th</sup> San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Ferndale Lodge - 7:20 pm

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Fairhaven Lodge - 7:30 pm

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge - dinner at  
5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Kulshan Int. Lodge - 7:30 p

## Annual Widows and Orphans

of Whatcom County

Dinner Meeting

The annual dinner meeting for the Whatcom County Widows and Orphans Fund will be held on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Bellingham Masonic Center at 2626 W Maplewood Ave in Bellingham. The meeting will begin with dinner at 6:15 pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Association. Dinner will be by donation with widows as our guests. All Master Masons who are members of any Whatcom County Lodge are welcome to attend. Members of the Association are urged to attend and sponsor a widow as their special guest.

Annual Election of officers will be held after a short business meeting reviewing the previous year's activities.

Current Officers are:

Richard Kiene--President,

Thom Baughn--Vice President  
and

John Sleeth--Secretary Treasurer.

John Sleeth  
Secretary/Treasurer

## Whatcom Lodge Report

**Stated Meeting** - September 17<sup>th</sup>. was our stated meeting and what a special meeting it for all. There were 21 Whatcom brothers in attendance. Five brothers proved up on their respective degree proficiencies as follows: Bro. Terrell Goertz on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Bro's David Brown, Leon Scott Jr. and Anthony Portera on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Bro. Ty Myers on the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. The proficiency study sessions held at WB Bill Hall's residence have really helped out and a big thanks goes to brothers Bill Hall, Ted Schuman, Larry West and Terrell Goertz for their work in assisting our newer brothers.

The election of officers for the 2010 term was held and the results are as follows: WM will be WB Larry West; SW will be Bro. Boyd McEwen; JW will be Bro. Monte Thompson and Sec/Trea will be VW John F. Browne. We are looking at Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> as a possible date for the Installation. WM Larry West will announce the Appointed Officers in the near future.

**Degrees** - On Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the First Degree was conferred on Jakob O. Frisch by WB Bill Hall, his Apron was presented by VW Winton Smith, the Working Tools by WB Thom Baughn, the Deg. Lecture by VW Winton Smith and the Charge by VW John Browne.

Future degrees are in the planning stage but it looks like this: Thu. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> = FC Deg.; Thu. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> = MM Deg.; Wed. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> = MM Deg. and Wed. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> = MM Deg. Stay tuned for more details and they are worked out.

**Next Special Meeting** - October 1<sup>st</sup>, dinner at 5:30 with lodge to open at about 6:30 pm. The purpose of this Special Communication will be to confer the FC Degree on Bro. Ty Myers.

**Next Stated meeting** - October 15<sup>th</sup>, dinner at 5:30, lodge to begin opening at 6:30.

Brothers, the Dues Notices for Master Masons will be mailed out near the end of October. Please respond to them promptly, don't let them get lost in the holiday rush.

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

## Lynden Lodge on the move

Lynden Lodge calendar for October 2009

Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	Stated Meeting	7:30 PM
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Practice for Installation	7:30 PM
Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	Special Communication	7:30 PM
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	Columbus Day Flags at Lynden & Greenwood Cemeteries	7:15 AM 7:45 PM
Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	Return Traveling Gavel to Nooksack Valley Lodge No.105	7:00 PM
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	Special Communication	7:30 PM
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hands Across the Border	5:30 PM
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	Installation of Officers	7:30 PM
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	Widows & Orphans Dinner/Meeting At Bellingham Masonic Center	6:00 PM

Every Thursday, Mason's Lunch at Rusty Wagon Restaurant on the Hannegan Road, just North of Pole Road. 12 noon

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

### Bikes 4 Books

On September 3, 2009, several Lynden Lodge brothers attended an event at the Lynden Public Library when two bikes that had been donated by Lynden Lodge were awarded to two children. This was the final stage of a summer reading program put on by Library Staff, who reported that the number of books read by children this summer was substantially greater than in prior years and the Bikes were cited as the major reason.

Lynden Public Library is now conducting a program to interest first grade students in book reading and to introduce them to the library facilities. Lynden Lodge will donate two bikes in support of this program. Last year our bikes were cited as an important aid in encouraging first graders to get library cards and use library facilities.

WB Dick Myhre  
Lynden Lodge No. 56

### HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER DINNER SHOW

October 23<sup>rd</sup> is coming! That's a Friday and it's the date Lynden Lodge will MWB Gale H. Kenney, Master of F. & A.M. of Washington and MWB Brian Tuckey, Grand Master of A. F. & A.M. of British Columbia & Yukon at our annual *Hands Across the Border* dinner show.

This event will be held at the Bellingham Masonic Center. The social time will begin at 5:30 PM with dinner promptly at 6:00 PM. The menu is a choice of prime rib or salmon, Caesar salad, sides, strawberries and ice cream, coffee, tea. Vegetarian is available upon request. The cost is \$25 per person. Seating is limited to 100 persons. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Two years ago we were entertained by a young Lynden Magician, Sterling Deitz. He was excellent and it was a very popular and enjoyable program. This year, using the same theme, are fortunate in having John Walton who is the mentor of that young magician. His tag line is "Mixing magic and mirth for a show you will never forget."

You can contact me at 360-392-0145 or email rhdecima@aol.com to make reservations. Don't forget to indicate your choice of entree. Tickets will be going fast so don't delay. Come and join us in honoring these two Grand Masters!

This is another signature program of Lynden Lodge No. 56.

Brothers, we are going to have a good time. You and your lady will not be disappointed!

WB Dick Decima  
Secretary



## Scottish Rite

If you didn't make the 4th degree on Wednesday September 16, 2009, you missed a great evening. Now coming up Saturday October 10, 2009, we will be taking Brothers Tim Johnson and Doug Reece up to Valley of Langely, BC. For the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Degrees. This is a great event, dinner will be served up there.

All the brother's are out looking for new members and if you would like to get a better understanding of Scottish Rite, take the Master Craftsman course, which can be ordered at Scottish Rite. Org. Cost for the course is \$35.00 plus shipping (\$17.00) this includes your book and test. You will also need a 2006 or newer Bridge to Light book, our Secretary has them for sale at \$15.00, (Chuck Anway 360-927-3317). If you haven't been to a meeting come out and see what you are missing.

Yours in Faith

Ron Fine 32KCCH, Venerable Master

### MLA Meeting September 19, 2009

The Masonic Leadership Association held first meeting of the Fall on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at the Nooksack Valley Masonic Center. There were 20 Masons in attendance representing 7 of the 8 Lodges in our district.

The meeting was briskly run by President Jack Sprouls. Ken Gass reported on the MEC and hopes to get all the Lodge Representatives to the MEC identified by each Lodge. Ken also noted that the MEC was established as a 501 c3 charitable organization this past February and he feels that the MEC has documentation to confirm a charitable legacy. Ken Gass also reported on the Highway Clean-up program and said that the next Clean-up Date is set for Saturday, September 26, 2009—meet at the Bellingham Masonic Center at 9 am.

John Sleeth spoke about the Widows and Orphans Fund and noted that six brothers have passed away so far in 2009. On the plus side there have been a number of new members. The Windows and Orphan's Annual Dinner Meeting is set for Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009, 6 pm at the Bellingham Masonic Center.

George Edwards reported on the Masonic Youth Groups. He said that both the Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters are managing to hold their own and that Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay is nearly ready to begin operation again.

John Sleeth put on a nice program on parliamentary procedure in Masonic Lodge meetings.

Next meeting is Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Bellingham Masonic Center, hosted by Lynden Lodge No. 56 at 10 am.

John Browne—Secretary-Pro-tem

**This is How Masons Worked**

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

**Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>** Stated meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
Annual Election of Officers.

**Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>** Special. Annual visit & trowel  
exchange with Union Solomon Lodge No. 9, New  
Westminster, B.C. Dinner at 6:30 with special Medic  
One presentation on home emergencies over  
refreshments, *before* opening meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>** Stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Past  
Master' Night.

**Friday November 20<sup>th</sup>** Annual Lodge Thanksgiving  
Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

*Sec Ken Gass - Secretary*

Our stated meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> on October we will have  
elections for the 2010 officers. I am not standing for  
reelection so there will be a new Master elected to run  
the Lodge next year with the installation in November.

On October 16<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting one of our sister  
Lodges, Union-Solomon #9, for our bi-annual Trowel  
Exchange. , we are looking forward to many more  
years of friendship and Fraternal relations with these  
Brethren. We also are hoping to reestablish fraternal  
relations with Tuscan Lodge #138, the sister Lodge of  
Pierre B. Cornwall Lodge #289.

On September 30, 2009, Bellingham Bay Lodge #44  
officially presented Squalicum High School with their  
Portrait of MWB George Washington. The Portrait is  
just inside of the Library and is prominently displayed!

The celebration of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be on the  
17<sup>th</sup> of October at the Lakeway Inn, 6:30 – 9:00 PM  
with the hopes of the Brethren for another 125 years.  
WB's Rick Kiene, David Burn and Ken Gass have  
done a lot of work putting this together and we are  
hoping for a great turnout.

Fraternally and Sincerely,  
George Edwards PM

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## Masonic Youth Report

As always, please remember the youth groups and visit them at  
your convenience .Ferndale Rainbow the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
of each month, Daughters the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday,  
DeMolay I understand that Chuckanut Chapter is making its way  
back from the brink and meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Saturday. All "Tyle" at 7 PM, please come on time or even a bit  
early! Brethren, these young people well deserve our support;  
please consider spending time with them!

George Edwards PM - GL Youth Committee

## Hesperus Commandery #8:

"At the stated conclave of Commandery #8 on  
October 5, 2009, Hesperus Commandery #8 of KT  
will be having a guest speaker, SK Richard Kovak,  
who will present DVD on the History of Knights  
Templar and will supplement that DVD with an  
oral presentation of some of his own original  
research. SK Kovak is the present EC of Seattle  
Commandery No. 2, Past Potentate of Nile  
Temple, and a member and/or officer of numerous  
Masonic organizations. are of course invited and  
welcomed to attend. The commandery will open at  
1930 and will go to refreshment shortly afterwards  
for the presentation."

Thank you,  
Charlie Cunningham - EC Hesperus #8

**More on the Hesperus Commandery** meeting  
noted above.

A no-fee dinner shall be served at 6:00 p.m. at  
the Maplewood Masonic Center with the meeting  
commencing at 7:30 p.m....All Sir Knights and  
their ladies are invited to attend the dinner and  
Templar presentation.

Please RSVP to SK Thom Baughn for dinner...360-  
676-0419

Thank you, Skipp Metzger

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## NWSC NEWS

On Tuesday October 6, 2009 we will have our monthly  
dinner meeting at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli and Ale house, 709  
W. Orchard Dr. Cost for the dinner is \$17.00 person.  
Zem, Zem is @ 6:00 p.m. Dinner @ 7:00 p.m. and  
Meeting @8:00 p.m.

For reservation call Noble George Edwards at 360-303-  
0492 or E-mail him at george@syscongrp.com.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 1, 2009.


Our guest speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Susan  
Colleen Browne, local author of the new memoir *Little  
Farm in the Foothills*.

The President will appointment a nomination committee  
for new officers for 2010. Elections will be held at our  
November meeting. News from the Sunshine committee,  
Noble Walt Tanguy fell and broke his hip and has been  
sent to Mt. Baker health care. Remember Nobles &  
Ladies it's getting dark early so be care when driving.  
There will be no Out-Reach clinic this month due to cut  
backs at the hospitals.

Yours in Faith, Ron Fine, Sunshine Chairman

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 L # 56 7:30 pm Stated Comm. W 151 - FC Deg. Planned.	2 BB # 44 stated 7:30 p. (SRH)	3 Lyn # 56 practice for installation at 7:30
4	5 Hesperus Commandery No. 8 Dinner at 6:30 Ladies welcome, meeting - 7:30 F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	6 NWSC - Zem Zem 6, Dinner 7, Meet. 8 p. ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	7 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	8 Bethel # 25 at 7 p.  Lyn #56 Spl. Comm. At 7:30 pm	9	10 District Ten Dinner & Meeting. Social at 5:30, dinner served at 6:30 pm.
11	12 F # 264 - stated, at 7:30 p. Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM Dinner at 6:30 Ladies welcome - meeting 7:30 p	13 F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	14 NV # 105 - 6 p. W 151 - FC Deg, Dinner at 7 p. with Lodge to open about 7:30 p.	15 W 151-stated Lodge opens 6:30 p. A MM Deg. Is planned. L # 56 Spl Com 7:30	16 BB 44 7:30 pm. (SRH)	17 MLA hosted by Lynden #56 at 10 am at the BMC
18	19 Bellingham Chapter Royal Arch Dinner at 6:30 Ladies welcome, meeting 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	20 KI # 186 7:30 p ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Board. Meeting	21 W 151 - MM Deg. is planned.	22 Bellingham Temple Assoc. 7:30 p	23 Hands Across the Border	24 Bethel #25 at 7 p.
25	26	27 F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	28 151 - MM Deg. is planned.	29 Lynden Ldg. # 56 Installation of Officers at 7:30 pm	30	31 Widows and Orphans Dinner & Meeting at 6:00 pm  All Halls Eve Halloween

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**John Sleeth** (Ext 301)

The Whatcom Brothers send their wishes for  
 A Very Happy October Birthday!  
 To:  
 October 9<sup>th</sup> - Bro. William J. Converse  
 October 13<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Warren J.M. McKenzie  
 October 15<sup>th</sup> - Bro. John F. Meixner

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