



Widows and Orphans Fund District No. 10

Annual Meeting to be held on October 29th, 2008



The Widows and Orphan Fund for District No. 10 will have its annual meeting on October 29, 2008 at the Maplewood Masonic Hall, 2626 West Maplewood, Bellingham, Washington. The meeting will be preceded with a meal starting at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. An RSVP would be appreciated to facilitate the meal.

The agenda for the annual meeting will include election of officers, by-laws, voluntary assessments and setting the date to hold the next meeting.

If you have not joined the Widows and Orphan Fund and would like to find out more about it please join us. Members must be Master Masons in good standing.

Please contact : WB Rick Kiene at 734-2627 rickkiene@comcast.net WB Thom Baughn tbaughn@earthlink.net at 676-0419 or VWB John Sleeth at jrs1200@comcast.net 734-5467 if you have any questions.

Whatcom Lodge Report

Bro. Warren McKenzie reports from the University of Texas, Austin Texas. I received a very nice phone call on Friday, Sept. 12th, from Bro. McKenzie. He advised me that he survived his trip to Russia, though it got a little tense when the local papers reported the Russian invasion of Georgia. Overall the geology class on volcanoes was very interesting and Warren got an "A" for his efforts. I told him his lodge brothers greatly enjoyed the salmon he donated for the dinner preceding Br. Nate Anderson's 3rd Degree.

Warren has settled in at UT and even joined the Greek fraternal system, however the house he joined is different—it is made up of Masonic brothers—Acacia House. Brother McKenzie will be at UT for several years and so he is looking into becoming a plural member of a Texas lodge, he has not decided on a particular lodge yet. Brother Warren said to say hi to all his Whatcom brothers and pass on that he will be back in WA State in mid-December. He plans to come to our Christmas dinner and to prove-up on the Master Mason degree.

Stated Meeting, Thursday, September 18th, 2008

Congratulations goes to our newest lodge member, WB Bruce McGinnis, who was elected as a plural member this evening.

After most of our business was taken care of the installation of lodge officers took place. The officers who were installed are: WB Larry West as WM; WB Bill Hall as JW; VW John Browne as Sec/Tres., Bro. Tim Johnson as Mar., WB John Burley as Chap., and Bro. Scott Voss as JD. We had lots of fine help for the ceremony, VW Russ Gran was Marshal, VW John Sleeth was the Musician, and WB Gary Pitcher was the Chaplain. There were a number WM's present: WB Dick Decima, Lynden No. 56; WB Gary Pitcher, Bellingham Bay No. 44; WB Carey James, Kulshan Int. No. 186 and WB Bill Barquist Ferndale No. 264.

WB Carey James and members of KI lodge presented the Law Enforcement Memorial to Whatcom Lodge who will display it for this year and be the host of the 2009 Masonic Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony this coming May. - - Our next Stated Meeting is October 21st - dinner at 5:30, lodge to begin opening at 6:30 PM.

Fraternally, John Browne - Secretary/Treasurer

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

- Oct 1st San Juan Lodge - 7:30
- Oct 2nd Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Oct 3rd Bellingham Bay - 7:30 p
- Oct 12th Fairhaven Lodge - 7:30
- Oct 13th Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
- Oct 14th Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 PM
- Oct 16th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.
- Oct 19th Kulshan Int. Lodge - 7:30 p

Don't Miss Out!!!!

Hands Across the Border

Saturday, October 4th, 2008

For details, see

Lynden Lodge on the move, page two.

"WHAT KIND OF A FREEMASON ARE YOU?"

A lot of Masons are like wheelbarrows - - no good unless pushed.

Some are like trailers - they have to be pulled

Some are like kites - you don't keep a string on them, they fly away.

if Some are like balloons - full of wind and ready to blow up

Some are like footballs, - you can't tell which way they will bounce

And then some are like a good watch - open face, pure gold, and quietly busy, and full of good works.

Grand Lodge of Kansas Magazine

Due and Timely Notice!

Its that time of year, again, when lodge secretaries send out the Dues Notices for the ensuing year, 2009. Please respond to your lodge's notice in Do and Timely Fashion. Your lodge secretary work's 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.

Fraternally, Sec. John Browne W151

Lynden Lodge on the move

Lynden Lodge calendar for October 2008

Oct 2 nd	Stated Meeting, Election of officers,	7:30 PM
Oct 16 th	Special Communication	7:30 PM

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

LEAVENWORTH EXCURSION

Bro. Travis Graddon is organizing a chartered bus excursion to the beautiful Bavarian village of Leavenworth for the 2008 Christmas Lighting Festival on Saturday, December 6th. The bus will depart from Bellingham's Barkley District at 11:30 AM. Enjoy a worry-free ride to Leavenworth to enjoy the sights and sounds of this truly unique holiday destination. Departure for the ride home will be at 7:00 PM. A light snack and beverage will be provided on the return trip. Arrival in Bellingham will be at approximately 10:00 PM.

Tickets are \$50 per person. Masons, their ladies, and friends from all Lodges are most welcome!! Reservations may be made by contacting Bro. Travis at 318-8456 or at tsgaddon1@comcast.net. Make your booking early to be sure that you get a seat!

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER DINNER SHOW

Reservations for the *Hands Across the Border* dinner show on October 4th already have exceeded 165 Masons, ladies, friends and guests. This is the preeminent social event for Lynden Lodge No. 56 each year when the Grand Masters for Washington and British Columbia & Yukon are honored. This year MWB Douglas E. Tucker and MWB R. Glenn Allen are the honorees.

During dinner, entertainment will be provided by Clea and Cayley, a Celtic Duo who are two local young women who excel on the cello and violin. They are good!

The featured entertainment for the evening will be the Langley Ukulele Ensemble. This extraordinary group is composed of more than 20 young people from Langley, B.C. who will provide renditions ranging from the William Tell overture to traditional Hawaiian songs. Their presence truly emphasizes the international flavor of this event.

Some tickets are still left. The price is \$22 each or \$40 per couple. Tickets at the door will be \$25 each. It's going to be fun!! If you have not yet made your reservations contact WB Dick Decima at 360-392-0145 or at rhdecima@aol.com.

Fraternally,
WB Dick Decima,
WM Lynden Lodge No. 56

MLA Report

Highway Cleanup WB Gary Pitcher, on behalf of WB Ken Gass, reported that the next Highway Cleanup will be on Saturday, October 11th at 9:00 AM rain or shine. Participation in this community project has been excellent this year. The more people who participate, the faster the cleanup goes. It is a lot of fun and good fellowship. Just 90 minutes of work. Come on out!!!

Traveling Gavel WB Gordon R. Grahame reported that the missing Traveling Gavel, although located, has not yet been returned. He is making arrangements to see that the Lodge that has it delivers it to a District 10 lodge.

Masonic Education Council The proposed Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and the application for tax-exempt status are ready for review by the steering committee with legal counsel. After this review and any revisions, if necessary, the next step will be to submit the application for tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Worshipful Masters: please note that representatives from each of the Lodges will compose the Board of Directors of the MEC. Failure to appoint a representative will result in your Lodge not having a vote in MEC matters. Please make sure that a representative is appointed and that the Lodge secretary advises the MEC secretary in writing about the name of the representative. Put this item on the agenda for your next stated communication.

2009 Directory WB Vern Christianson confirmed that he will prepare the 2009 Directory. This is a complicated and detailed task. Worshipful Masters are urged to get information to Bro. Vern as soon as possible after the election of Lodge officers.

Distribution of Directories to Funeral Homes It was suggested by WB Bill Barquist that directories should be distributed to local funeral homes to facilitate their need for information.

Nominating Committee The following brothers were appointed to the nominating committee to select a slate of MLA officers for 2009: WB Gary Pitcher (Chairman), WB Vern Christianson and WB Don Loughmiller, They will present a slate of candidates at the October meeting. The election will be at the November meeting.

Upcoming MLA Meeting The next MLA meeting will be on Saturday, October 18th at 10 AM at the Bellingham Masonic Center on Maplewood Avenue. Lynden Lodge No. 56 will be the host. Brothers, mark your calendars for this meeting and plan to be there and spend 90 minutes in helping Masonry grow. There will be a *Door Prize* again!

This is how Masons work!

Fraternally,
WB Dick Decima
President 2008

Here is what *Bellingham Bay*

has going on.

Friday October 3rd Stated meeting at 7:30 PM. Open on the EA degree. This is the time for our annual election of officers. Brethren this has been a challenging year that is leaving us with some vacancies in our progression of officers for the new term. The lodge needs Brothers to step forward for the elected positions at all important election night. In addition the master elect will need Brothers to step forward for the appointed positions. Give some thought to giving time to the service of your lodge.

Friday October 17th Special communication at 7:30 PM. Open on the EA degree. There will be a dinner before the meeting at 6:30 PM. RSVP to George Edwards by Monday, October 13th. This will be Past Master's night and the annual visitation from Union-Solomon Lodge for the trowel exchange.

WM Gary Pitcher

NW Shrine Club

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have made our visit to Skagit Shrine Club and had an enjoyable evening. Hopefully we had enough members to capture the Golden Fez. Our next dinner meeting will be on Tuesday October 7, 2008 at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli & Ale House 709 W. Orchard Drive #1 & #2.

Menu for the even will be: Stuffed Pork Chops, Apple-sauce, Mashed potatoes/Gravy, Veggies, Salad, Rolls, Coffee, & Dessert. All for the cost of \$17.00 per person. For reservations call Noble Ron Fine at 360-676-5747 or e-mail me at RonFine2@aol.com.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY OCTOBER 2, 2008.

One of the items to be brought up at the October meeting is getting a nominating committee for next years officers. I therefore am letting the membership know that I will not be seeking the office of Secretary. It has been a pleasure for all these years being your secretary, but it's time for me to step down due to health issues. I want to thank all of you for your help and comments over the years. So as the employment ad reads, Secretary needed for the Northwest Shrine Club, Pay-Smiles, Benefits-Smiles, time needed to do the job- 3 plus hours per week. Requires computer, printer and a good wife.

Nobles & Ladies lets not forget about our raffle fund raiser that we are doing, they are great stocking stuffers and that time is just around the corner, so call Noble Greg Cory at 734-7099 and order your raffle calendars now. Dues notices will be coming this month, if you haven't paid your 2008 dues please do so now. See you all at the October meeting.

Ron Fine, Secretary NWSC

Scottish Rite News

Greetings Brothers, Do you all remember when we first became Scottish Rite Mason's? How we went through the fast classes and couldn't remember 99.9 % of it. Then as the years passed us by when helped out doing the degrees, still not sure what we were doing and what we were saying? I remember!

I've been a Scottish Rite Mason for some time now and things have changed ie no more fast classes, ritual changes, Even the book Bridge to Light has changed. The best way I have found so far to go with the change is to order the new "Master Craftmans" course. I have started this course and found it to be very en lighting.

Therefore I would recommend that every Scottish Rite Mason take this course, you will be surprise what you can learn(I have been). As was quoted by Our Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald Seals " When you have finished these lessons you will have achieved two purposes: 1) gained a deeper and more thorough understanding of our Rite; 2) discovered something personally meaningful, and perhaps unexpected, during your reflection on these august mysteries."

How can you get this course, go to the Scottish Rite store, (www.scottishritestore.org) cost is \$35.00 plus shipping which is \$17.00. With this you get the new Ritual Monitor & Guide (which by it's self cost \$65.00) plus you get the exam. I need to warn you, that you also need a new 2006 edition of The Bridge to light. See you Valley Secretary plus \$15.00 to get your new book.

This course is real easy all you do is read and take a open book exam and write a small essay question. I urge all my brothers to take this course, we will be better Scottish Rite Masons for doing so. May the good Lord shines his face upon you and bless you.

Ron Fine 32 KCCH,
Master of Consistory

ICE - 'In Case of Emergency'

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell (mobile) phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE.'

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. A great idea that will make a difference! Let's spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number in our Mobile phones today

Please tell your friends. This is valuable for everybody to know. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest . ICE will speak for you when you are not able to.

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 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	2 L # 56 7:30 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7 pm	3 BB # 44 stated 7:30 p (SRH)	4 Hands Across the Border - social - 5:30, dinner 6 PM
5	6 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 - 7:30, F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	7 NWSC - Zem Zem 6, Dinner 7, Meeting 8 PM ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p. KI 186 2 nd Deg 7:30 PM	8 NV # 105 6 p.m.	9 Bethel # 25 at 7 pm. Yom Kippur	10	11
12 Columbus Day Traditional	13 F # 264 7:30 pm Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p Thanksgiving - Canada	14 F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC) Sukkot Full Moon	15	16 W 151-stated dinner 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm Rainbow - District Line meeting, Mt Vernon	17 BB 44 Spl. - 7:30 p. (SRH)	18 MFLA 10 am Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7 p Rainbow - Dist OV of GWA - Ferndale
19	20 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	21 KI # 186 7:30 p. ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Brd. Meeting	22	23	24	25 Bethel #25 at 7 pm
26	27	28 F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC) New Moon	29	30	31 Halloween	

Next Highway Clean Up

Brethren, It's official, at the Sept. 20 MLA meeting the last Masonic highway clean up of 2008 was set for Saturday, October 11. You know the routine: we will meet on the backside of the 2626 Maplewood Temple in time to leave by 9:00 a.m. and we will clean for 90 minutes. That is time enough to get the 2.5 miles cleaned IF we have a full crew of 12. Come, rain or shine, in your boots and we will supply the bags, grabber, hat, vest & gloves (but you might own a better pair). Spread the word in Lodge and out. Let's finish the year in fine fashion.


Ken Gass, Secretary, Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44

To contribute to this newsletter please send your letter, comment, historical fact, poem or calendar announcement, by the 20th day of each month, to:
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 **KING'S QUOTE'S**

Laws are like cobwebs,
 which catch small flies
 but let wasps and hornets
 break through.

Jonathan Swift (1667 - 1745)