



# Letters from District No. 10

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October 2010

## Hands Across the Border

Dinner & Entertainment

*Hosted by:* Lynden Lodge No. 56

*Location:* Lynden Community Center

*Date:* Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

6 PM ~ Social, 6:30 PM Prime Rib or Salmon Dinner

*RSVP* to WB Dick Decima at 360-0392-0145 or [rhdecima@aol.com](mailto:rhdecima@aol.com)



## Whatcom Lodge Report

*Stated Meeting* - Our stated meeting was held on September 16<sup>th</sup> with sixteen brothers attending. In addition to the regular business of the lodge an Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred.

*Degrees Conferred:* During the month of September two degrees were conferred. At our Special Communication on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the EA Degree was conferred on Tony Anton and at our Stated Meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> the EA Degree was conferred on Joel Laufenberg. Both degrees were ably done by our JW Monte Thompson. Both new brothers are very excited to get started with their proficiencies.

*Upcoming Degrees:* We are planning to confer the Third Degree on Bro. Mike Mozelewski at our Special Communication on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The first section will feature a uniform degree team.

*Next meetings* - Our October Special will be on Thursday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> and the next Stated meeting is on Thursday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010. We truly hope you can attend

*Note:* Brothers, Annual Dues Notices will be coming out near the end of October, 2010. It was suggested to me that one way to reduce lodge expenses would be to send out notices electronically saving some postage. I'll look into it and see if I can do it and still keep records as confidential as possible. In which ever form the Dues Notices come, please sent in your payment promptly so the matter doesn't get lost in the Holiday Seasons busy events. Just a little reminder—for those of you who are non-life members the Dues for 2011 will be \$50.

**PS/** Our *Annual Installation of Officers* is set for Saturday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Appetizers served at 4 PM, **ceremony at 5 PM**. Dinner will follow at about 6:15 PM. An *RSVP* is a must to join us for dinner—the cost is \$25 per couple or \$12.50 per person. *RSVP* to our Sec. John Browne or 360-599-3481 or at [jbrowne@telcomplus.net](mailto:jbrowne@telcomplus.net).

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

## Bethel No. 25 Job's Daughters

The Daughters of Bethel No. 25 will host the Annual Official Visit and Grand Visitation of the Grand Guardian on October 30<sup>th</sup>, hence, we have changed our meeting from Saturday, October. 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Bethel is hosting a pot luck style dinner for the Grand Guardian at 4:30 PM with donations going toward her philanthropic project, Breast Cancer. The regular Bethel meeting will start at 6pm.

If you'd like to attend the dinner *RSVP* to Cathy Kronewitter at:

[cathyk@whatcomtitle.com](mailto:cathyk@whatcomtitle.com) or  
phone # 224-2656

Bethel Guardian  
Cathy Kronewitter

A word is not a crystal, transparent and unchanged, it is the skin of a living thought and may vary greatly in color and content according to the circumstances and the time in which it is used.  
~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

|                      |                               |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm      |
| Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm        |
| Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>  | San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm      |
| Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm    |
| Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> | Ferndale Lodge - 7:30- pm     |
| Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> | Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm        |
| Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> | Whatcom Lodge - 6:30 pm       |
| Oct 25 <sup>th</sup> | Kulshan Int. Lodge - 10:30 am |

A man's mind is known  
by the company it keeps.

*James Russell Lowell*



### Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> Lynden Lodge members and guests were fortunate to hear a presentation from Joe Moser. Mr. Moser is a veteran WWII pilot who was shot down over France and spent time in Buchenwald as a prisoner of War. He has written a book chronicling his experiences entitled, "A Fighter Pilot in Buchenwald". It was a very interesting evening.

October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM is the date of this year's Hands Across the Border function. Lynden Community Center on Grover Street in downtown Lynden is the scheduled venue. Trio Lumina has been booked to provide entertainment. Confirmation of attendance has been received from WM G. Santy Lascano and WM Alan J. Cross. Reservations should be directed to WB Dick Decima, [rhdecima@aol.com](mailto:rhdecima@aol.com).

Please mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for another enjoyable Hands Across the Border event.

Installation of Lynden Lodge officers for 2010/2011 is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. It is an open Installation and all are invited.

Jack A. Sprouls, WM - Lynden Lodge No. 56



If a person would understand either the *Odyssey*  
or any other ancient work,  
he must never look at the dead  
without seeing the living in them,  
nor the living without thinking of the dead.  
We are too fond of seeing the ancients  
as one thing and the moderns as another.

~ *Samuel Butler*, Note-Books

The meeting of two personalities  
is like the contact of two chemical substances:  
if there is any reaction, both are transformed.

~ *Carl Jung* - Psychologist/Philosopher

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

***October*** activities for Bellingham Bay #44

***Friday October 1<sup>st</sup>*** Friday the 1st lodge will open on the Entered Apprentice degree at 7:30. We will confer an Entered Apprentice degree and also have the annual election of officers.

***Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup>*** participate in the Highway clean-up. Leave the Maplewood Hall at 9:00 AM.

***Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>*** will be a special communication at 7:30. This will be the annual visit from Union-Solomon Lodge for the exchange of trowels. This will also be Past Masters night. A dinner will be held at 6:30. Reservations to WM Gary by Monday the 11th.

WM Gary Pitcher



### Our Quest ~ A Lifetime of Learning

To learn; To practice what we have been taught; To teach; To live a life based upon the lessons contained in the degrees of Freemasonry is or should be our life-long quest.

In the past, I have written about Masons wanting more; more Masonic education. Specifically they want more information on the subjects of History of the Craft, the Masonic Code, the Rites, and the various symbols of Freemasonry. They want to know more beyond just the ritual. We all have a Masonic history that we can share. We all have Masonic beliefs that we should be sharing. Be a Mentor to a new Mason. Talk to a new Brother; discuss things that are in your "heart", your "core being", what makes you a Mason and not just a member.

Your continued quest for Masonic light seeks to convey the basic information upon which a new Mason may build upon his Masonic knowledge, to inspire him to further study and to encourage him to participate in the activities of his Lodge, thus becoming a true Mason in fact, as well as in name. The Masonic Mentor makes the books come alive through his explanations and his own example and so plays a vital part in the candidate's development.

The purpose of mentoring is to educate the candidate, to teach the candidate who is our new Brother; because an educated Mason will become more active in a Lodge's functions. The Lodge can be invigorated with new members who are interested in taking an active part.

It is the duty of every Lodge to fulfill the desires which a candidate expressed when he petitioned for initiation into our Fraternity. It is our duty, our obligation to educate, not just train.

It is not merely a Lodge that he is joining, but the global Fraternity of Freemasonry. It is asking too much to expect a new member to make himself at home in a society without the proper education. A new candidate has the right to expect a Lodge to provide him with all the information and the educational opportunities he needs. It is necessary that a new candidate become inspired with the spirit to believe in, as well as to understand, the purposes and ideals of Freemasonry.

Re-involve members; celebrate Masonry; make your Lodge relevant in the community; set expectations for candidates, members and officers. It is also vital that we not forget our existing members. Involve or re-involve them in the Lodge and the Lodge education program. Communicate will ALL of the members of your Lodge. Pick up the phone, go to their house, send out the newsletter, send an email, post something on the Lodge web site or on your Facebook page; DO SOMETHING to involve or re-involve the Masons in your Lodge and we will all benefit!

RW Dean W. Heinemann  
Senior Grand Warden

The reality of the other person  
is not in what he reveals to you,  
but in what he cannot reveal to you.  
Therefore, if you would understand him,  
listen not to what he says but rather  
what he does not say.

~ Kahlil Gibran



## Greetings from Ferndale Lodge # 264.

I heard this morning that fall starts sometime in the next 24 hours. Myself, I've been waiting for summer to happen since June! I'm still able to sit up and take nourishment and the sun is shining today so enough whining!

We have been busy so far this year and it looks like we are going to get busier! We currently have five Entered Apprentice Masons getting ready for their next step in Masonry. I am told there are petitions in the hands of some men interested in becoming Masons. We also have a Bro from Scottsdale, Arizona who indicates he will be petitioning for Affiliation before the end of the year. We are scheduled to go dark for December and January but will hold specials as required. We will be looking for help.

### Installation of Officers set for October 16<sup>th</sup>.

We will install our 2010/2011 slate of officers on October 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4pm. This will be an open installation and all are invited. WB Moisan will be in the East again this year assisted by Bro Claude Weadon, Sr. Warden; Bro Landon Estes, Jr. Warden; WB Everett Thompson, Sec/Tres.; Bro Kyle Deming, Sr. Deacon; Bro Charles Drew, Jr. Deacon; WB Barquist, Sr. Steward; Bro Robin James, Jr. Steward; Bro Andy Hummel, Tyler. Refreshments and a chance to meet the New Officers will follow in the lower dinning room.

At our last Stated Communication we elected to take on the restoration and maintenance of the Masonic Park in Green Acres Cemetery. We are interested in obtaining any information concerning the history or the origin of the Park that any Brother in the district might have. Email me at [thompc@premier1.net](mailto:thompc@premier1.net) or call me at (360) 332-7535.

Ferndale Lodge meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 pm, except December and January, and welcome all Brothers. We have been opening on the First Degree so our New Brothers can attend, so, bring your new brothers for a visit! Unless we are doing Degree work, we will open to accommodate them.

Fraternally,  
Everett Thompson ~ Secretary - Ferndale Lodge No. 264




*Your attendance is requested.*  
**Whatcom Masonic Lodge No. 151**  
*Installation of Officers for 2011*

*Saturday, November 6th, 2010*  
*at 5:00 p.m.*

*4:00pm Appetizers served*  
*6:15p.m. an RSVP Dinner*

*Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Washington*

**NWSC** Tuesday October 5, 2010 is our Oktoberfest dinner at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli and Ale House 709 W. Orchard Drive. Menu for the evening will be: Brats & Sauerkraut, Hot German Potato Salad, Waldorf Salad, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Dessert. All for the price of \$17.00 per person. Call Noble Ron Fine for reservations or E-mail me at [Ron-Fine2@aol.com](mailto:Ron-Fine2@aol.com). **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2010.**

Just a reminder to the Nobles who have not paid there 2010 Dues! At our last dinner meeting a motion was made, seconded, and passed to raise our yearly dues to \$15.00 a year starting in 2011. Up coming events is our Turkey dinner in November, plus Elections for our new officers in 2011. The Sunshine Committee has been busy, Noble Ted McQuiston is still in Alderwood Care Center, Rm 14, East Wing.

It's getting dark early so be careful Nobles & Ladies.

Yours in Faith,  
Ron Fine ~ Secretary

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

Love is the vital essence that pervades and permeates, from the center to the circumference, the graduating circles of all thought and action. Love is the talisman of human weal and woe - the open sesame to every soul.

~ Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1815 - 1902

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed                                 | Thu   | Fri                                | Sat   |
|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Men rarely (if ever) managed to dream up a god superior to themselves.<br>Most gods have the manners and morals of a spoiled child.<br>~ Robert A. Heinlein, science-fiction author (1907 - 1988) |   |  |                                     |   | 1 BB # 44 stated<br>7:30 pm.       | 2   |
| 3   | 4 Hesperus Com-<br>mandery No. 8. Din-<br>ner at 6:30, meet 7:30<br>pm<br>F-OES #223 7:30 p.<br>(FMC) | 5 ML-OES # 58<br>(BMC) 7:30 p.                                     | 6 SJ # 175 stated<br>7:30 p. (FHMC) | 7 L # 56 stated meet-<br>ing 7:30 pm<br>W #151 - Spl. Comm -<br>a 3 <sup>rd</sup> Deg is planned. | 8                                  | 9   |
| 10  | 11 F # 264 - 7:30 p.<br>Bellingham Council<br>No.16 R&SM<br>Thanksgiving Day (Canada)<br>Columbus Day | 12 F # 73-stated 7<br>pm. (BMC)<br>Evergreen RB # 17<br>7 p. (FMC) | 13 NV # 105 - 6 pm                  | 14 Bethel # 25 at 7<br>pm.  | 15 BB 44 Spl<br>Comm 7:30 p. (SRH) | 16  |
| 17  | 18 Bellingham Chp<br>Royal Arch<br>F-OES # 223 7:30 p.<br>(FMC)                                       | 19 ML-OES # 58<br>7:30 p. (BMC)                                    | 20                                  | 21 W 151-stated<br>dinner at 5:30 lodge<br>opens 6:30 pm.   | 22                                 | 23 KI # 186,<br>stated, at 10:30 am.<br>Bethel #25 moves<br>to next Saturday.       |
| 24  | 25  | 26 F # 73-Spl. 7 pm.   | 27                                  | 28  | 29                                 | 30 Bethel No. 25<br>hosts a Pot-Luck<br>style dinner at 4:30<br>PM. Meeting at 6 P. |
| 31<br>All Hallo's Eve<br>Halloween  |   |  |                                     |   |                                    |   |

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

### Next Highway Clean Up

#### Masonic Highwaymen:

Our first (maybe last) fall clean up date has been set for Saturday, October 2, 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 sun!

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

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