



Letters from District No. 10

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October 2017

Octoberfest Time!

Whatcom Lodge Report

Special Communication: Our Thurs. Sept. 7th meeting was attended by 16 Whatcom Brothers and 1 visitor, Bro. Dave Gehrcke of Bellingham Bay Lodge #44, who given a hearty welcome.

Degree: The EA Degree for Mr. Dave Lemon was conferred by JW Ken Peck. SD Thom Baughn gave the *Preparatory Lecture* and conducted Mr. Lemon through section one of the ritual. WB Paul Brainard gave the *Apron Lecture* and VW Don Higginson presented the *Working Tools*. The *Master's Lecture* was presented by City John Brown (second section) and Country John Browne (third section). City John Brown delivered the *Charge*. After the degree our newly obligated brother, Bro. Dave Lemon was presented West of the Altar and congratulated by his new brothers.

Lodge was closed in Dues Form and the Brethren repaired to the Festive Board for dessert and fraternalism.

Stated Communication: The September 21st Sated meeting was attended by 16 Whatcom Brothers and 1 visitor, WB Dave Sarna of King Philip Lodge in Mass., who was given a hearty welcome.

Petition: A petition for Plural Membership from WB Dave Sarna was given it's first reading and an Investigation Committee was appointed, chaired by SW Craig Bruner, with JW Ken Peck and Bro. Lionel Stone. They will report back at the October Stated Communication when a balloted is expected to take place.

Sickness and relief: It was reported that WB Bill Hall is due to return home shortly.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was given. WB Blair Thisted advised that the Worthy Matron of OES for Washington is collecting empty pill containers for Doctors without Borders and Blair will be glad to take any our members would bring in over the next several months.

Next Special Communication: is on October the 5th. The next Stated Communication will be on Thursday, October 19th. For both meetings Dinner is at 5:30 pm and Lodge opens at 6:30 pm.

Dues & Timely Notice: The Lodge Dues & Assessment notices will be coming out later in October. Please respond in a timely matter, thanks.

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

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Oct 6th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Oct 12th Lynden Int. Lodge - 7 pm

Oct 19th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Up-coming Events

Entered Apprentice Degree... Whatcom Lodge will hold confer an EA Degree at it's Oct. 5th Spl. Communication. Dinner at 5:30 and Lodge opens at 6:30 pm.

Open Installation of Officers... for Whatcom Lodge 151 is set for Sat. October 7th. The social period begins at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6 pm. The Installation will follow dinner. The dinner will be catered and we'll have a donation jar, suggested donation of \$15 to \$20. RSVP to Craig Bruner 360-319-7163 or John Browne email: jbrowne.brf@gmail.com or phone: 360-599-3481

Hands Across the Border... hosted by Lynden Int. 56 is set for Sat. October 7th. See page 2 for more information.

Trowel Exchange... Friday, October 20th is the 11th Trowel Exchange for Bellingham Bay and Union Solomon Lodge No. 9 at the Scottish Rite Temple on State Street in Bellingham. This event is Open to Ladies & friends. Social at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 P.M., with ceremony to follow. **RSVP** to WB Russ Weston at: email - RussWeston2223@gmail.com Or phone - 360-671-7862

Breakfast... on Saturday, October 21st Evergreen Assembly #17 will hold a Pancake Breakfast at the West Maplewood Masonic Center. Time 8 to 11:30 am and \$7 suggested donation.

Craft Fair... Saturday, November 18th. Hosted by Evergreen Assembly #17. Details to be announced next issue.

Save the DATE... Sunday Nov. 19th, a Rainbow Thanksgiving Dinner...page 3

Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

Oct 12 th	Stated Communication	7:00 PM
Oct 26 th	Special Communication	7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

Approval of the consolidation of memberships of Ferndale Lodge No. 264 & Lynden Int. Lodge No. 56

Grand Lodge has approved the consolidation of the memberships of Ferndale Lodge No. 264 and Lynden International Lodge No. 56 effective September 14, 2017. The leadership of the consolidated Lodge is working diligently to make the transition from two Lodges to one Lodge as smooth as possible. It is anticipated that a motion of amend the By-laws to change the name to Lynden/Ferndale International Lodge No. 56 will be introduced at the stated communication on Thursday, October 12th. The Lodge will be tyled at 7:00 PM. All visitors are most welcome. Please mark your calendar.

An invitation to our Ferndale Lodge No. 264 brothers

With the consolidation of the memberships of the Lynden & Ferndale Lodge behind us, I would like to extend an invitation to our Ferndale Lodge No. 264 brothers to join us at our first consolidated stated communication on October 12th. The Lodge will be tyled at 7:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting. The union of our two Lodges is a strong one. We have about 100 members and a centrally located meeting hall. Our philanthropic programs, across five school districts, include \$1,000 scholarships, \$500 Educator of the Year awards and Bikes 4 Books which are provided to more than 30 schools. Please join us on October 12th.

Hands Across the Border Our 2017 Fall Hands Across the Border gala dinner show will take place on Saturday, October 7th. We will honor MWB Ron Yates, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of British Columbia & Yukon, and MWB Warren Schoeben, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington, at the Ferndale Masonic Hall at 5638 3rd Avenue. The social period begins at 5:30. Dinner will be served at 6:00 with a choice of scrumptious entrees prime rib or crab cakes. About 7:30 Performer Bill DeGroot will be featured in his artistic tribute to singing star Roy Orbison. It won't be Roy himself who entertains us but we should certainly enjoy Bill's tribute to the Big O. Masons, their ladies and guests are most welcome! Seating is nearly fully booked.. Please make your reservations ASAP by calling Dick Decima at **Phone**. 392-0145 or by **Email**: rhdecima@aol.com

Petitions At the stated communication on September 14th the petition for the degrees of Masonry by Jonah Wilson and the petition for plural membership by Bro. Micah Moses were approved. We welcome Bro. Moses to our Lodge and look forward to conferring the degrees of Masonry on Jonah Wilson.WB Dick Decima, *Secretary*

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

Friday October 6th Stated: Election of Officers. We will likely receive two petitions for their first readings. We will practice the Trowel Exchange, tell a few silly jokes, and have a good time. Social at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7 P.M.

Friday October 20th Special: We will combine a Past Master's Night with the 111th Trowel Exchange. No official meeting for that, wives & friends invited. Social at 6:00, dinner at 6:30. Please **RSVP** to Russ Weston for this event.

WB Arne Hansen
Master, Bellingham Bay No. 44

A Pancake Breakfast



Evergreen Assembly No. 17
is hosting a fund raiser pancake breakfast,
so we need you
and a healthy appetite.

Date: Saturday, October 21st

Time: 8 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Suggested donation is \$7.00

Location: Bellingham Masonic Center
2626 West Maplewood, Bellingham, WA

Masons, Ladies & Friends
Come and assist the efforts of your local Rainbow



There just may be some cakes with your name on them!

Evergreen Assembly IORG #17

October:

Saturday, 14th we have our annual mystery trip! Only the adults know where we're going it's a surprise for the girls!

Saturday, 21st we are hosting a pancake breakfast! Time, from 8 to 11:30 A.M. Suggested donation \$7.00

Tuesday, 31st we will be doing trick or treat to eat, the girls will leave bags ahead of time in a neighborhood and then go back on Halloween to trick or treat for those bags of food! Please watch for boxes in the entry way of the hall so that you can help too!

November:

Saturday, 18th there will be a craft fair at the hall hosted by the girls. If you know of anyone that crafts or has a home based business please let Mother adviser Renae know!

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, November 19th we will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for all of you our Masonic Family to thank you for all that you do for us during the year. There will also be a dessert auction! Come hungry!!

Communication helps us all.

This is just a reminder to all in the Masonic Family that the best communication works in two directions. Your Lodge, Chapter, Assembly or Bethel secretary needs to hear from you. Please make sure you update your contact information when it occurs. But also, let the secretary know how you are doing. We are a family we want to help your life's situation needs

Masonic Degree Upcoming

Whatcom Lodge is planning an Entered Apprentice Degree for Mr. Jerry Hill to be conferred at the

Thursday, October 5th
Special Communication.

Dinner is at 5:30

Lodge opens at 6:30 pm.

Whatcom Lodge meets at the Bellingham Masonic Center at 2626 West Maplewood Ave., in Bellingham, WA.

For information contact Lodge Secretary:

VW John Browne...360-599-3481

Email: jbrowne.brf@gmail.com

NWSC

We return from our summer vacation on September 5th. Our First dinner meeting for the year. We are meeting at Jeckly & Hyde Deli 709 Orchard Drive. Near the Country Club. Dinner will be Pork Chops with all the trimmings (whatever that is). The cost for the dinner is \$20 Zem Zem at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30.

No raffle – BUT - - - everyone who attends will be given a ticket for a door prize. We usually have many door prizes from a complete Breakfast to home made pies. We will be discussing the upcoming Shrine Hospital Clinic that will be held in Bellingham, and upcoming events planned this year for the Shrine Club.

If you are interested in the Shrine Hospitals and the wonderful work they do for our children then please attend, or if you are interested in becoming a member of the Northwest Shrine Club please attend.

If you were a member in the past – we would love to see you renew your membership and come rejoin the club.

RSVP: Please call the Secretary/Treasurer Gerrit Kuiken

Bellingham Council #16 Royal & Select Masters of WA

Companions:

Bellingham Council #16 will have their stated assembly on Monday October 9, 2017. Dinner at 6:30 followed by Assembly at 7:30. Elections will be held this month, it is not an excuse to stay away, we need your help, ideas and fellowship.

I am sadden to report the following Companions that have left us:

MIC R. Dale Fluaitt

DOD Sept, 2017

Cards may be sent to:

Gloria Fluaitt, 5124 276th St NW, Stanwood, WA
98292-9428

Memorial Service:

14 Oct 2 PM Anacortes Masonic Center

Companion Gail Pelley

DOD Aug 27 2017

Cards may be sent to:

Mary E. Pelley, PO Box 105, Congress, AZ 85332

Just a reminder that dues for 2017 are still being accepted. There are 7 Companions that owe dues for 2017, if your dues card does not read 2017 on it you are in arrears. They are \$15.00 a year and can be remitted to the return address below.

Fraternally, Doug Jerome, **Recorder**

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	2	3	4 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	5 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm. EA Degree tonight	6 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	7 Whatcom Lodge Installation of Officers Hands Across the Border, see Lynden #56 on page 2 for details
8	9 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30 <i>Columbus Day</i> <i>Thanksgiving - Canada</i>	10 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	11 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	12 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	13	14
15	16 Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	17 Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm	18 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	19 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	20 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p. The 111 th Trowel Exchange. Open, see page 2 for details.	21 Assembly #17 hosts a Pancake Breakfast at 8 am to 11:30 am. See page 2 for Ad.
22	23 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	24 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	25 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	26 L # 56 special meeting 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	27	28 Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm
29	30	31 Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM <i>All Hallows Eve</i> <i>Halloween</i>	1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2	3	4

**Widows & Orphans Fund
for District No. 10**

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

at

WB Jesse Petersen at 360-319-5556,

or you may contact your Lodge Secretary or your Worshipful Master.

Fraternally,

President, Jesse Petersen - Vice President



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