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Whatcom Lodge Report on the term of WM Ken Peck

Greetings Brethren: This is a Special Term summary report to include activities occurring over the Summer. I have unfortunately not been able to get printed copies of your lodge's newsletter for the past months due to some family matters I needed to address over the Spring and Summer.

The Term of WM Ken Peck was essentially concluded on September 30th, 2019 and that of WB John "city" Brown formally began on Thursday, October 3rd when he and his officers were duly installed into office. There have been many highlights for WB Ken's term; two of which are that our membership increased and we relocated where we hold our meetings.

It was at our March 21st Stated Communication when a 2/3 majority of our members in attendance voted to relocate from the Bellingham Masonic Center back to our original home at the Scottish Rite Temple on North State Street. This By-Laws amendment was approved by the Grand Master, MW Jim Kendall, on April 25th, 2019. Most members are finding the accommodations to be comfortable and very Masonic in atmosphere. The Valley of Bellingham Scottish Rite has been easy to work with and our rent-burden is considerably less.

Membership: The membership of Whatcom Lodge grew by three new Plural members, WB Barry Podwin, WB Daniel Polvere and WB Claude Weedon and by four Brothers being Raised, Rod Lonquist, Dave Lemon, Jeff Roskelley and Bill Kappele, for a total of 7 Master Masons.

Degrees: Whatcom Lodge conferred 12 degrees during the 2018-19 term: 6 EA Degrees; 2 FC Degrees and 4 MM Degrees.

Luncheons: The every third Tuesday Lodge noon Luncheon at the Rusty Wagon has been very successful with anywhere from 12 to 19 in attendance. Recently VW Don Higerson has been hosting weekly noon coffee klatches and the Scottish Rite Hall which is also gaining a following.

Dues/Assessment notices: The annual dues/assessment notices come out later this month. Dues will remain at \$100.00 but the assessment for the Grand Lodge fee will go up \$6 to \$34.00, due to the action at this Summer's GL Annual Communication.

Next Communications: Our next Special Communication is on Thursday November 7th and our next Stated Communication is on Thursday, October 17th. Prior to both meetings dinner will be at 5:30 pm with Lodge to open at 6:30 pm. The November Stated Communication will be on Thurs, November 21st.

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

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Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

- Oct 4th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
- Oct 10th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge
56 - 7 pm
- Oct 17th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at
5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Up-coming Events

Annual Installation of Officers.... Whatcom Lodge installed it's 2019-20 Officers at their October 3rd Special Communication. This was a Tyled ceremony, but we went go off-session so EA and FC Masons could attend.

Memorial Service.... Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge announces there was a memorial service for WB Richard J. Myhre on Saturday, October 5th at 1:00 pm at the United Methodist Church at 1326 N. Garden Street in Bellingham. This was not a Masonic Service.

Annual Installation of Officers.... Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge installed it's 2019-20 Officers at their October 10th. This was a Tyled ceremony.

District 10 Meetings.... The annual Dist. Ten meeting is on Saturday October 12th. The meeting is at 6 pm.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, October 15th. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

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

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

Notes from Lynden/Ferndale Int.
Lodge No. 56

Oct 10th Stated Meeting 7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

Election of Officers

Our annual election of officers was held at our August 8th Stated Communication. The elected officers are:

WM	WB Troy Luginbill
SW	Br. Howard Hanna
JW	WB Robert Langer
Trea.	WB Everett Thompson
Sec'y	WB Richard Decima

Appointed Officers

Chap.	Br. T.R. Welling
Tyler	MW Robert McSween

We're still looking to fill the remaining appointed lodge offices.

Memorial Service

Brethren of Lynden/Ferndale International Lodge No. 56. a memorial service for WB Richard J. Myhre was held on Saturday, October 5th at 1:00 pm at the United Methodist Church at 1326 N. Garden Street in Bellingham.

During our October 10th Stated a moment of silence was given in honor of WB Dick, a faithful member of the Lodge for many years and served as Worshipful Master. He took great pleasure in the annual strawberry sale. WB Dick Decima rose and said a few words for the occasion. WB Richard Myhre will be sorely missed.

Also during this communication a moment of silence was accorded to MWB Charles McQuery who suddenly passed away on September, 28th, 2019. VW John Browne thanked MWB Chuck for his leadership of the Craft.

Installation of Officers

Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge installed it's 2019-20 Officers at their October 10th Stated Communication. VW John Browne and WB Blair Thisted assisted the brethren of Lynden/Ferndale Int. 56. VW Browne installed WB Troy Luginbill as Master and then took on the role as Marshal while WB Troy installed his remaining officers. WB Thisted was the Installing Chaplain and handled the duties as Senior Deacon for the meeting.

Next Stated Communication

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

WB Dick Decima,
Secretary....Ph. 392-0145 _ rhdecima@aol.com.

Brethren,

It is with a heavy heart that I must report that the roll of the workman has been called, and one Master Mason has not answered to his name. MW Charles W. McQuery, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington passed to that house not made with hands on Saturday, September 28, 2019. He has laid down the working tools of the Craft and traveled to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns. MW Brother Charles served as Grand Master from 2006-2007. He was a member of Ashler Lodge, No. 121, University Lodge, No. 141 and Grand Mound Historical Lodge, No. 3. MW Bro. Chuck was raised in Mary's River Lodge, No. 221 in Oregon on March 22, 1966. He and his lady Diane recently sold their home in Bothell, WA and moved permanently to Surprise, AZ. At this time, we have no information regarding a memorial service. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally,

Clinton M. Brown, Jr.

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Guest Speaker at Lynden/Ferndale Int, #56

On Thursday, November 14th, 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.

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 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p <i>Rosh Hashanah Ends</i>	2 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	3 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm. Installation of Officers	4 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	5
6	7 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30	8 Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm	9 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm <i>Yom Kippur</i>	10 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	11	12 District Meeting, dinner at 5 pm with meeting at 6 pm. Hosted at the Scottish Rite Hall.
13	14 Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC) <i>Columbus Day</i>	15 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	16 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	17 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	18 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p.	19
20	21 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p.	22 Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM	23 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	24 Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	25	26 Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm
27	28 F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	29	30	31 <i>All Hallows Eve Halloween</i>	1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2

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for District No. 1**

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