



Letters from District No. 10

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Whatcom Lodge Report

Special Communication: The August special communication was on the 1st day of the Month. There were 15 Whatcom Brothers, 2 visitors and 1 guest for dinner.

Stated Communication: The August 15th Stated Communication was attended by 15 Whatcom Brothers and 1 visitors. Lodge was opened on the Third Degree and WM Ken Peck advised that the purpose of this stated communication was to conduct the regular business of the lodge and to confer the MM Degree on Bro. Bill Kappele.

Petitions: The petition for Plural Membership from WB Claude Weedon received a **Full & Favorable** Investigation Report. The resulting ballot on his petition was **Fair, Clear & Bright**.

The petition for the Degrees of Masonry from Dr. Niles "Moss" Roberts received a **Full & Favorable** Investigation Report and the resulting ballot was **Fair, Clear & Bright**.

Degrees: The EA Degree for Dr. Moss Roberts has been set for our September Stated Communication on September 19th.

Program-education: WM Ken Peck handed out a quiz on and some basic Masonic information. He also had a slide presentation when he went over the answers. There was a bit of a spirited discussion as whether the information was actually basic or a bit more advanced. Still, I think we did have some fun.

Report: VW Don Higgerson gave a report on the status of the black 7 white checkered tile floor that will be installed in the Scottish Rite Lodge Room floor in the near future.

Installation of Officers: WM elect John Brown has chosen the first Thursday of October, our Special Communication for the annual installation of officers. See page 2 for additional details.

Lodge BBQ: The lodge BBQ was hosted at Ted and Penny's residence and the turn out was great once again. Ted gave the number as 21 happy attendees.

Masonic Luncheon: WB Ted Schuman reported that there were 13 in attendance at the Tuesday, August 20th, luncheon at the Rusty Wagon. The next luncheon is on Tuesday, September 17th at, you guessed it, the Rusty Wagon.

Next Communications: Our Sept. Special Communication is on Thursday Sep. 5th. Our next Stated Communication is on Thursday, Sept. 19th. Prior to the Stated meeting dinner will be at 5:30 pm with Lodge to open at 6:30 pm.

Dues information: There are still a few brothers owing dues & assessment for 2019, I will be sending letters this month. Dues Notices will come out in early October. There will be a slight hike in the 2020 assessment since a \$6 rise was added at this Summer's Grand Lodge Annual Communication. For those owing Dues & Assessment the 2020 will be \$134. For Life Members under 50 years of good-time, the amount will be \$34 & donations are always welcome.

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

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Sep 6th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Sep 12th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge
56 - 7 pm

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

Up-coming Events

Hands Across the Border.... Saturday, September 14th Lynden/Ferndale Int. #56 hosts it's annual Hands across the Border Gala Dinner Show. The details for this festive event are on page two.

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

Whatcom Lodge Conferring Degree.... On Thursday, September 19th, at their Stated communication Whatcom Lodge will confer the EA Degree on Dr. Moss Roberts. All Masons are welcome especially EA Masons.

Annual Installation of Officers.... Whatcom Lodge will install it's 2019-20 Officers at their October 3rd Special Communication. This is a Tyled ceremony, but they will go off-session so EA and FC Masons can attend.

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

Stated September 12th 7 PM
HAB September 14th 5:30 PM

Greetings Brothers:

Hands Across the Border

Lynden/Ferndale International Lodge No. 56 is inviting you and your lady to our annual Hands Across the Border gala dinner show on **Saturday, September 14, 2019.**

The venue is the Ferndale Masonic Hall at 5638 Third Avenue, Ferndale, WA 98248.

This year we are honoring MWB Charles Wood, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington, and MWB Douglas Franklin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of British Columbia & Yukon.

There will be at least four Past Grand Masters in attendance at this important event.

Here are the key times for this evening:

Social: 5:30
Show: 7:15
Dinner 6:00

The dinner menu is **your choice of prime rib or salmon** with appropriate side dishes including dessert. Coffee and tea will be served.

We will be entertained by **Jeffrey Fullner, billed as the "#1 Tribute Artist in the Northwest."** He is a talented entertainer and has performed in Las Vegas. It will be a show to remember.

Seating is limited to 100 guests so please make your reservations now. **The cost is \$30 per person. We are accepting Canadian dollars at par** as a courtesy to our NOB guests.. You can call 360-392-0145 or 360-820-1660 or, better yet, confirm by email to rhdecima@aol.com.

Dress for men will be everything from tuxedos, business suits, sports jackets and even more casual wear. In past years, the ladies have NOT worn long gowns and probably will not wear them again this year. Whatever they wear, they will look beautiful.

Our Fall Hands Across the Border dinner shows always are fun events. **You will have a good time. Please come.**

Secretary:
WB Dick Decima

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

Friday September 6th Special Communication:

Friday September 20th Stated Communication:

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Companions,

Bellingham Council #16 will have their stated assembly on Monday **September 9, 2019.** Dinner at 6:30 followed by Assembly at 7:30. Please plan on joining us.

Please note my new Email Address, jammerguson@gmail.com.

Fraternally,
Doug Jerome
Recorder

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Whatcom Lodge
Annual Installation of Officers.

Whatcom Lodge will hold it's installation of officers at our Thursday, October 3rd Special Communication.

The officers for 2019-20 are:

<i>Worshipful Master</i>	John J. Brown
<i>Senior Warden</i>	Terrell Goertz
<i>Junior Warden</i>	Craig Bruner
<i>Treasurer</i>	Theodore Schuman
<i>Secretary</i>	John F. Browne
<i>Chaplain</i>	Thomas Baughn
<i>Marshal</i>	David Nelson
<i>Senior Deacon</i>	Jesse Petersen
<i>Junior Deacon</i>	Frank Myers
<i>Senior Steward</i>	Jeffery Roskelley
<i>Junior Steward</i>	William Kappel
<i>Tyler</i>	Jerry Hill

Dinner is at 5:30 pm and Lodge opens at 6:30 pm. All levels of Masons are invited, EAs and FCs too. Though we have to be open on the MM Degree we will go off-session to accommodate EA and FC Masons.

Please let us know if you'll join us for dinner so adequate food can be prepared. Sec'y jbrowne.brf@gmail.com



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September 3, 2019

Brethren,

It is with a mixture of emotions that I announce that after several years and thanks to the diligent efforts of many, the Grand Lodge of Washington has completed the sale of the Masonic Retirement Center in Des Moines, WA. The MRC was a jewel of the community and home to retired Masons and their family members for decades. Unfortunately, however, the MRC building is approximately 90 years old. As the years passed and occupancy dwindled, the building fell into disrepair and stood unoccupied for over six years. However, the Grand Lodge of Washington has continued to pay the expenses to maintain the building.

Numerous studies have been done and costs to bring the building and associated facilities up to current city code and receive a certificate of occupancy to begin any type of development of the property are estimated at approximately \$40,000,000.00. Even if the Grand Lodge had the financial resources necessary to renovate the building, which it does not, it would be a fiscally irresponsible decision to spend funds to renovate a facility that can no longer be used to benefit the Brethren and their families.

The Grand Lodge was able to negotiate a sale price of \$11,500,000.00 for the building and surrounding property. For the past several months, we have been meeting with the Finance Committee, our attorneys and accountants to determine what restrictions there are on the use of these funds and how they can be best used to benefit the Fraternity. Because the funds used to purchase and build the MRC were acquired for specific purposes, we have been informed that legally the proceeds can only be used for limited or like purposes and cannot be distributed to Lodges or individuals.

I know that you are going to have many questions about the sale of the building. I assure you that your Grand Lodge elected officers are working diligently to determine how the funds from the sale can be used according to the law and how they can best benefit the Fraternity within those constraints.

Fraternally,

Charles E. Wood
Grand Master



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 <i>Labor Day</i>	3 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	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.	2 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	
8	9 Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	10 Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm	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 Hands Across the Border 5:30 pm see page 2, details.
15	16 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p.	17 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	18 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	19 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm. EA Degree for Moss Roberts.	20 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p.	21
22	23 F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC) <i>Fall Equinox</i>	24 1 Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM	25 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	26 Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	27	28 Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm
29 <i>Rosh Hashanah begins</i>	30		2	3	4	5

Widows & Orphans Fund for District No. 1

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

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WB Jesse Petersen - *Vice President*
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