



Hands Across The Border

Date: Saturday, October 4th, 2008

Location: Fox Hall at the Hampton Inn, Bellingham, WA

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Whatcom Lodge Report

This past month of August we held two lodge meetings and both were pretty well attended. The first was a special communication for the purpose of conferring the Third Degree on Br. Nate Anderson. The meeting was preceded by a wonderful dinner featuring a Chinook Salmon, caught this past July by Br. Warren McKenzie, who donated it to the lodge. However, Bro. McKenzie was unable to attend the degree because he was in Eastern Russia, across from Alaska, studying volcano's. The salmon was expertly prepared by WB Thom Baughn, who also played King Solomon in the degree drama. No one went away hungry.

The degree was conferred by VW John Browne, the working tools presented by Br. Ron Exner and the Charge delivered by WB Gary Pitcher. VW Glenn Hutchings, Br. Nate's father-in-law, played the 3rd ruffian in the drama; but no lasting harm befell Br. Nate. The lecture of the degree was very ably given by the team of VW Glenn Hutchings and WB Bill Hall. All of the degree team members did an excellent job and we thank each and every one of them for their assistance. After the degree Br. Nate received with the following: a very nice certificate created by Br. Ron Exner, a Masonic pin presented by WM Glenn Hutchings and the Grand Master's pin & coin presented by VW James F. Brady II, D of GM.

The August stated meeting was held on August 21, 2008. We were visited by WB Dick Decima, WM of Lynden Lodge, with Lynden brothers Jack Sprouls and Jerry Mason. Also visiting was Br. Tim Townsend from Bellingham Bay Lodge. The business of the lodge was taken care of expeditiously by WM Hutchings. The main item of business was the election of officers for the 2008-2009 term. The results are as follows:

Worshipful Master - Larry West -- Senior Warden - Frank Myers
Junior Warden - Bill Hall & Sec/Tres - John Browne.
Appointed officers to be announced before long.

WM elect, Larry West announced that the Installation of Officers will take place during the September stated meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18th, 2008

During the meeting WM Hutchings called upon Br. Jerry Mason to make a report on the CHIPs event at the recently completed NW WA Fair in Lynden, WA. Brother Mason noted that the initial goal of processing 400 children was way too low, as evidenced by the fact that over the six days of the Fair, a total of 1233 individuals went through the procedure. Brother Mason gave credit to the over fifty volunteers who manned the stations. WM Hutchings asked the assembled brothers to accord Br. Mason the PGHs for his fine job of coordinating the CHIPs event for Lynden Lodge. The CHIP project was supported by most of the lodges in District Ten as well as by Rainbow Assembly No. 17 and Bethel No. 25 Job's Daughters. The Bellingham Herald even printed two very nice articles about the CHIPs event at the Fair.

Fraternally, John Browne - Secretary/Treasurer

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

- Sep 3rd San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Sep 4th Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Sep 5th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
- Sep 8th Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 PM
- Sep 9th Fairhaven Lodge - 7:30
- Sep 10th Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
- Sep 16th Kulshan Int. Lodge - 7:30 p
- Sep 18th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

When the oak is felled
the whole forest
echoes with its fall,
but a hundred acorns
are sown in silence
by an unnoticed breeze.

~ Thomas Carlyle,
historian and essayist
(1795 - 1881)



KING'S QUOTE'S

Oh, what a tangled
web we weave,
When first we practice
to deceive.

~ Bro. Sir Walter Scott

Lynden Lodge on the move

Lynden Lodge calendar for September 2008

Sep 4 th	Dinner and Stated Meeting featuring Freemasonry 101 (FMC)	7:30 PM
Sep 18 th	Special Communication	7:30 PM
Sep 20 th	MLA Meeting hosted by Nooksack Valley 105 (BMC)	10:00 AM

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

CHIP EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS AT THE FAIR

The inauguration of the CHild Identification Program (CHIP) in District 10 at the Northwest Washington Fair in Lynden during the week of August 11 -16 was a great success. Under the direction of Event Coordinator Bro. Jerry Mason, more than 1200 children participated in this program in conjunction with the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and the Lynden Police Department.

Children were fingerprinted, DNA and dental imprints were taken and a brief video was made in order to provide parents with information that they could give to law enforcement in the event their child became missing.

Over 50 hardworking volunteers participated in a training session prior to the 6 days of the Fair in preparation for this event. Grand Lodge committee chairman Howard Ballou spent the entire week with us at the Fair. His counsel and guidance this first year was a key reason for the success of this program.

A representative from the Firefighters Competition approached us during the Fair about presenting CHIP at their event on September 13th at the Hagen's parking lot in Ferndale. We will be there.

The Whatcom County Dairy Women provided free ice cream cones to the 1st 1000 participants. The Lynden Pioneer Museum provided free passes to the museum for each participant.

Masonic Lodges throughout the county along with businesses and individuals stepped up as sponsors. One anonymous donor gave \$1,000. This support was essential as the number of participants far exceeded the original expectations.

Lynden Lodge wishes to thank all the volunteers and sponsors for making this first year of the Fair so successful. We will be back next year!

This is another signature program of Lynden Lodge.

BIKES4BOOKS KEEPS ROLLING

The Bikes4Books program initiated by Lynden Lodge No. 56 under the direction of Event Coordinator Dick Myhre keeps rolling.

The head librarian and the children's librarian at the Lynden Public Library have developed a program to bring 1st grade classes to the library to familiarize these new readers with the facilities and to issue library cards to them. Each time the student returns to the library with an adult between September 1st and November 20th they will receive a raffle ticket. A drawing and puppet show will be held the evening of November 20th when book bags and school supplies will be awarded. The grand prizes will be a boy's bicycle and a girl's bicycle presented by Lynden Lodge along with gift certificates for helmets. Wal*Mart is a sponsor of this program. More than 500 1st graders will participate. This is another signature program of Lynden Lodge.

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER DINNER

October 4th! That's the date to remember as our dinner show will honor MWB Douglas E. Tucker, Grand Master of F. & A.M. of Washington and MWB R. Glenn Allen, Grand Master of A. F. & A.M. of British Columbia & Yukon.

This event will be held at Fox Hall at the Hampton Inn in Bellingham. The social time will begin at 5:30 PM with dinner promptly at 6:00 PM.

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Lynden Lodge on the move—continued

Another great program is planned this year. The Langley Ukulele Ensemble will be performing. This extraordinary group is composed of more than 20 young people from Langley, B.C. who will provide great entertainment with renditions ranging from the William Tell overture to traditional Hawaiian songs. They are a team of young musicians, ambassadors and volunteers who have established a reputation for providing opportunities to demonstrate excellence, inspire, build hope, model leadership and enrich all through entertaining musical presentations which touch lives. Visit their web site for a sample performance: <http://www.langleyukes.com/>

The menu is lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread, dessert, coffee, tea (vegetarian available upon request. The cost is \$22 or \$40 for a couple. It is a great price for a dinner show. The venue is very large and we won't be crowded like last year, but seating is limited to 208 and reservations should be made no later than September 25th. Tickets at the door will be \$25 or \$50 for a couple strictly on a space available basis. You can contact me at 360-392-0145 or email rhdecima@aol.com to make reservations. Don't delay. Do it now. The Event Coordinator is VWB John R. Sleeth.

This is another signature program of Lynden Lodge No. 56.

Brothers, we are going to have a good time. You and your lady will not be disappointed!!!

Fraternally,

WB Dick Decima, WM Lynden Lodge No. 56

MASONIC LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION: *REPORT*

Grand Lodge sanctioned workshop. A Grand Lodge sanctioned workshop regarding training for the participants in the Child Identification Program (CHIP) under the auspices of Lynden Lodge No. 56 was held on Saturday, August 2nd at the Ferndale Masonic Center. Subsequently, CHIP was inaugurated at the Northwest Washington Fair in Lynden in August.

Traveling Gavel. We anticipate the return of the missing Traveling Gavel. WB Gordon R. Grahame has located it and has made arrangements to see that the Lodge that has it delivers it to a District 10 lodge. Our secretary, WB Vern Christianson, will be maintaining records so that the whereabouts of the Traveling Gavel are known at all times.

Masonic Education Council. The proposed Articles of Association and By-laws and the application for tax-exempt status is in the hands of legal counsel. According to the filing instructions, the MEC is able to function as a tax-exempt organization {501(c)(3)} while approval of the application is pending.

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.

MLA picnic. By the time this newsletter is issued, the MLA picnic at Cornwell Park on August 24th will be over. Thanks to VWB Jim Brady and WB Thom Baughn for their hard work in making this event a success.

Upcoming MLA Meeting. The next MLA will be on Saturday, September 20th at 10 AM at the Bellingham Masonic Center on Maplewood Avenue. Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105 will be the host. The MLA meetings this year have been well-attended which clearly indicates that the enthusiasm for the Masonic fraternity in District 10 is growing. Brothers, mark your calendars for the September 20th 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,

Dick Decima

President - 2008

Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence.

~ John Adams - 2nd President of the United States

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

Thursday September 4th will be a visitation Lynden Lodge's meeting at 7:30 at the Ferndale Masonic Center.

Friday September 5th will be our stated meeting at 7:30. We will have the 14th annual visit of MWB Vern Wertz, Past Grand Master of Oregon. The meeting will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30. Any Brethren interested in attending the dinner should RSVP to George Edwards by Tuesday September 2nd.

Friday September 19th will be a special communication for the purpose of conferring a Master Mason degree.

Tuesday the 23rd will be a visitation to Fairhaven Lodge for their 7:30 meeting at the Maplewood Masonic Center.

Plans for October

Friday the 3rd - Stated meeting at 7:30 PM. **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 someone to step forward for the positions of Junior and Senior Wardens at the 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.

>>> **October 9th through October 16th** the WM will be out of town. Contact SW Russ Weston in my absence.<<<

Thursday the 9th - Tuscan Installation in New Westminster.

Friday the 17th - Special communication at 7:30 PM. There will be a dinner before the meeting. This will be Past Master's night and the annual visitation from Union-Solomon Lodge for the trowel exchange.

Tuesday the 21st - Monthly visit to Kulshan Lodge at the Ferndale Center at 7:30.

Planning Ahead: The annual Lodge family Thanksgiving Dinner will be Friday of November 21. If you can help with food preparation and/or want to volunteer a food contribution please contact acting JW George Edwards.

Support: Most of you have probably seen the Mason10 e-mails about the CHIPS program (Childhood Identification Program) that was recently sponsored by Lynden Lodge at the Northwest Washington Fair in Lynden. The lodge was funded for 400 children and ran through over 1,200, at a cost to the lodge of \$5 each. Bellingham Bay 44 contributed \$250. If you can spare a donation to Lynden Lodge it is tax deductible and will be greatly appreciated. WM Gary Pitcher

Ferndale Lodge No. 264

On Monday, August 11, 2008 Ferndale lodge held its annual installation of officers. The following are the Ferndale Lodge Officers for 2008—2009:

Worshipful Master	William Barquist
Senior Warden	Jeff Moisan
Junior Warden	Walt Tanguy
Sec./Tres.	Everett Thompson
Chaplain	Bob Baird
Marshal	Charles Drew
Senior Deacon	Mark Downen
Junior Deacon	Earl Granger
Senior Steward	Don Loughmiller
Junior Steward	Mike Reynolds
Tyler	Bob Langer

Hope to see you all in lodge soon!

Fraternally,
Everett Thompson
Secretary, Ferndale Lodge 264

NW Shrine Club

BANG!! And we're off for another season of fun and fellowship. On Tuesday September 2, 2008 we will have our Dinner meeting. The fair for the evening will be: BBQ Chicken & Ribs, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Green Salad, Bake Beans, Rolls, Coffee and Dessert. Cost is \$17.00 per person. Call Noble Ron Fine at 360-676-5747 or E-mail me at RonFine2@aol.com. **DEADLINE IS THURSDAY AUGUST 28, 2008.**

Just a remainder if you have not paid your 2008 dues please do so now. I will be sending out Due's notice for the year 2009 in October. The sunshine committee has been checking on members over the summer. Now in May the Nobles voted on selling the raffle tickets, so far very few members have stepped forward to sell their raffle tickets. Let's jump in there nobles and work for our club. Call Noble Greg Cory and order your tickets from him, 360-734-7009. In October we will have an Outreach clinic on Saturday October 18, 2008. Noble Bill Barquist will be signing up Nobles & Ladies at our September meeting. Enjoy the rest of the summer and will see Y'all on Tuesday September 2nd.

Yours in Faith
Ron Fine, Secretary NWSC

Common Sense:

We seldom attribute common sense except to those who agree with us.

~ François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld

Common sense is not so common.

~ Br. François M. A. Voltaire

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 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30, F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC) Labor Day-USA & Canada	2 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	3 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	4 L # 56 7:30 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7 pm	5 BB # 44 stated 7:30 p (SRH)	6
7 Grandparents Day	8 F # 264 7:30 pm Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	9 F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	10 NV # 105 6 p.m.	11 Patriot Day (USA)	12 Bethel # 25 at 7 pm. (yes, we moved from the 11 th)	13
14	15 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC) <i>Full Moon</i>	16 KI # 186 7:30 p. ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Brd. Meeting	17	18 W 151-stated dinner 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm	19 BB 44 Spl. - 7:30 p. (SRH)	20 MFLA 10 am Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7 p
21	22 Autumn Begins	23 F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC)	24	25	26	27 Bethel #25 at 7 pm
28	29 Michaelmas Feast of St. Michael <i>New Moon</i>	30 Rosh Hashanah	It is never wise to seek or wish for another's misfortune. If malice or envy were tangible and had a shape, it would be the shape of a boomerang. ~ Charley Reese			

Fairhaven Lodge No. 73

Installation of officers

DATE: Tuesday, Aug 26th 2008 TIME: 7pm

Officers for 2008-2009

Worshipful Master - Vern Christianson

Senior Warden - Dave Nelson

Junior Warden - Don Olsen

Treasurer - Gary Pitcher

Secretary - Thom Baughn

Chaplain - Dejan Mladenovic

Marshal - Eugene "Skip" Metzger

Senior Deacon - Blair Thisted

Junior Deacon - Joseph Howell

Senior Steward - James Brady III

Junior Steward - J. C. Dixon

Tyler - Gabe Rodriguez

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