



# Letters from District No. 10

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September 2009

## District Ten Dinner and Meeting,

Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>

Hosted by Kulshan Int'l Lodge No. 186

At the Bellingham Masonic Center, 2626 West Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, WA.

You and your Lady are cordially invited  
to join the brothers of District No. 10 in receiving our Grand Master,  
M.:W.: Gale H. Kenney, on the occasion of his Official Visit.

Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$20 per couple or \$12.50 per brother

The menu is Salmon or Prime Rib and your entree will be served with all the associated sides.

The Job's Daughters of Bethel #25 will be serving the dinner and providing the deserts for  
a silent desert auction.

Please email your reservation to:

V.:W.: Charles Cunningham at [cwjchome@msn.com](mailto:cwjchome@msn.com).

Meal tickets will be held "will call" at the hall and monies collected then.

\*\*\* Please be sure to specify your choice of entree when making your reservations. \*\*\*

## Stated Meeting Dates

of the

### District Ten Lodges

Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm

Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm

Sep 4<sup>th</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Sep 8<sup>th</sup> Fairhaven Lodge - 7:30 pm

Sep 9<sup>th</sup> Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm

Sep 14<sup>th</sup> Ferndale Lodge - 7:20 pm

Sep 15<sup>th</sup> Kulshan Int. Lodge - 7:30 p

Sep 17<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge - dinner at  
5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

## IN MEMORIAM

WB Bernard L. Dow of Bellingham, died Sunday, August 30. He was 93.

Born on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1916 he was elected to membership in Whatcom Lodge on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1942 and he was a member of Whatcom Lodge for 67 years.

WB Bernard Dow was initiated on 6/4/1942, passed on 9/17/1942 and raised to the Sublime Degree on 10/8/1942. WB Dow served as Worshipful Master of Whatcom Lodge in 1950. He was also a very active member of Maple Leaf Chapter No. 58, Order of Eastern Star.

There will be Funeral Service held at Greenacres Cemetery on Friday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1 P.M.

## Whatcom Lodge Report

Greetings fellow Whatcom brothers.

**Stated Meeting** - August 20<sup>th</sup> was our stated meeting and it was loaded with important business. In particular we balloted on four (4) Petitions for the Degrees of Masonry. In all cases the results were **Fair**, **Clear** and **Bright**. One of the four candidates received his First Degree that same evening. Two of the remaining three are friends and will have their 1<sup>st</sup> degrees conferred together on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. The third candidate's degree will be conferred on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

**Degrees** - During the Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, stated meeting the First Degree was conferred on Palmer T. Myers by VW Glenn Hutchings, his Apron was presented by WB John Burley, the Working Tools by WB Ted Schuman, the Deg. Lecture by VW Winton Smith and the Charge by VW John Browne. The truly special part of this event was that Palmer's father, Bro. Frank Myers was the Senior Deacon, escorting his son. It doesn't get much better than that. We also held a Special Communication on Thursday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting VW Winton Smith conferred a double EA Degree on Mr. Samuel Bailey and Mr. Tristan Burgess. The Aprons were presented by WB John Burley, the Working Tools by WB Ted Schuman, the Deg. Lecture by VW Winton Smith and the Charge by VW John Browne.

**Next Special Meeting** - September 3<sup>rd</sup>, dinner at 5:30 with lodge to open at about 6:30 pm. The purpose of this Special Communication will be to confer the EA Degree on Mr. Jakob Frisch.

**Next Stated meeting** - September 17<sup>th</sup>, a light meal at 5:30, lodge to begin opening at 6:30. I think WM Larry West intends to hold our annual elections at this meeting. We're not done receiving petitions, a little bird informed me that another petition is being filled out and will likely be submitted for reading at this September stated meeting.

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

## Lynden Lodge on the move

Lynden Lodge calendar for September 2009

Sep 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lynden Public Library Bikes for Books Presentation	4:00 PM
Sep 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stated Communication	7:30 PM
Sep 11 <sup>th</sup>	Flags at Lynden and Greenacres Cemeteries	7:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Sep 12 <sup>th</sup>	CHIP at Ferndale Firefighters Safety Fair, Haggens in Ferndale	10:00 AM—2: PM
Sep 17 <sup>th</sup>	Special Communication	7:30 PM
Sep 19 <sup>th</sup>	MLA Meeting <b>at</b> Nooksack Valley Lodge	Begins at 10:00 AM
Sep 28 <sup>th</sup>	Joppa Lodge Installation	TBA
	Every Thursday, Mason's Lunch at Rusty Wagon Restaurant on Hannegan Rd.,	Noon

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

### Lynden Lodge Brother Survives Heart Attack

On Thursday, August 20, 2009, Bro. Howard Hanna suffered a severe heart attack in the CHIP booth at the NW WA Fair in Lynden, WA. Miraculously, Bro. Claude Weadon had just arrived at the booth when the attack occurred and immediately initiated CPR. Due to his nursing training he knew how to administer CPR and he was able to resuscitate Howard twice, before other help arrived. Whatcom County Sheriff's officers were nearby and assisted in the emergency treatment before EMTs arrived. Howard was immediately transported to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bellingham where he received further treatment. Because of the immediate CPR treatment, Howard has a very good prognosis for recovery. Bro. Claude deserves a Hero's Award for his prompt and expert emergency response to the life threatening emergency.

WB Dick Myhre  
Lynden Lodge No. 56



### Masonic Ring for Sale

I had a woman in my neighborhood approach me about selling her father's Masonic ring. He passed several years ago and there is no one in her family who is a mason. It is a 10 K gold heirloom Masonic ring size 9. It has a square and compasses and a miner's cut diamond. She really doesn't know how much to ask but I was thinking \$200. I have attached photos of the ring. Do you think you could advertise it in next month's newsletter, with me as the point of contact.

Thanks,  
VW Charlie Cunningham



## Scottish Rite

Lodge of Perfection Hello Brothers, On Wednesday September 2, 2009 we will resume our labors. One of our agenda for the evening will be the reading of petitions for the degrees of the Scottish Rite.

One of the things that I asked each brother at our Installation was to bring in a new candidate, I do hope that you have been busy doing this.

So far we have two candidates to received the degrees on the 3rd Wednesday of September. The cost is \$200.00 and a filled out petition, if any candidate is unable to pay the total cost they may elect to pay \$50.00 per month for the degrees. This cost takes care of the hat & 14th degree ring, plus the degrees. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. cost is \$10.00, meeting will began at 7:30 p.m.

Let's see if we can fill up the lodge room brothers. Looking forward to a good year.

Yours in Faith  
Ron Fine, Venerable Master

### CHIP AT THE NORTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIR

For the second year the CHild Identification Program (CHIP) was presented at the Northwest Washington Fair in Lynden during the week of August 17 -22 by Lynden Lodge No. 56 in conjunction with the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and the Lynden Police Department. Over 900 children participated this year, including a 10 day old infant, bringing the two-year total to well over 2000. Over 35 hardworking volunteers participated in training sessions prior to the six days of the Fair in preparation for this event.

Using new state-of-the-art equipment made available by Grand Lodge, 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. No records or data bases are retained by Lynden Lodge or law enforcement.

The Whatcom County Dairy Women provided free ice cream cones to all the participants. Evergreen Rainbow Assembly No. 17 gave a free order of fries and the Lynden Pioneer Museum provided free passes to the museum.

In addition to the free fries, Evergreen Rainbow Assembly No. 17 provided financial support to CHIP as did Lynden Lodge No. 56, Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44, Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105, Bellingham Bay Rotary Club, Mount Baker Rotary Club and Fred & Roberta Starr. This support is essential as the cost of processing so many children is well beyond the financial capability of the Lodge.

Lynden Lodge wishes to thank all the volunteers and sponsors for making this signature program so successful again this year!

Lynden Lodge will be assisting Ferndale Lodge No. 264 in their first CHIP event at the Ferndale Street Fair on Saturday, August 29 from 10 AM to 6 PM. Lynden Lodge has been requested by Fire District 7 to present CHIP at their Safety Fair in the Haggens parking lot on Saturday, September 12. Ferndale Lodge No. 264 will be assisting Lynden Lodge at this event. Last year CHIP was presented at the Firefighters' Competition and 127 children participated in just 4 hours.

Other District 10 Lodges who would like to consider a CHIP event of their own simply need to contact Grand Lodge CHIP Committeemen Bro. Jerry Mason at 676-4378 or WB Dick Decima at 392-0145.

Dick Decima, Event Coordinator

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

***Friday September 4<sup>th</sup>*** Stated meeting at 7:30 PM.

***Friday September 18<sup>th</sup>*** Special meeting at 7:30.

***Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>*** Monthly meeting of the MLA at 10 AM at the Nooksack Valley Masonic Center, hosted by Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105

WM George Edwards

### ***Ferndale Lodge No 264***

On Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> Ferndale Lodge No. 264 installed Jeff Moison as its new Worshipful Master. Visitors to Ferndale Lodge are most welcome!

### ***NWSC NEWS***

Nobles & Ladies, It's time to begin our dinner meetings at Jeckel & Hyde Deli. On Tuesday September 1, 2009 we will be serving Bar B Que Chicken & Ribs, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Corn on the cob, Bake Beans, Rolls, Coffee & Dessert. Cost is just \$17.00 per person.

ZEM,ZEM @ 6:00 p.m. Dinner @ 7:00 p.m. and Meeting @ 8:00 p.m. **DEADLINE IS THURSDAY AUGUST 27, 2009!** Call Noble George Edwards at 360-303-0492 or E-mail him at [george@syscongrp.com](mailto:george@syscongrp.com)

Hope to see you all there. We will have Mrs. Lou Greenshaw as our guest speaker.

The Sunshine committee has been very busy during June - August sending out 15 cards, making phone calls, and attending memorial services. Take care Nobles & Ladies.

Yours in Faith,  
Ron Fine, Sunshine Chairman

### ***Hesperus Commandery #8:***

"At the stated conclave of Hesperus Commandery #8 on Monday October 5, 2009, Hesperus Commandery #8 of KT will be having a guest speaker, SK Richard Kovak, who will present a DVD on the History of Knights Templar and will supplement that DVD with an oral presentation of some of his own original research. SK Kovak is the present EC of Seattle Commandery No. 2, Past Potentate of Nile Temple, and a member and/or officer of numerous Masonic organizations. Ladies are of course invited and welcomed to attend. The Commandery will open at 1930 and will go to refreshment shortly afterwards for the presentation."

Thank you,  
Charlie Cunningham, EC Hesperus #8

There may be mystery in Masonry—but there  
should be no mystery in how to join

### **Royal Arch Masonry**

Here is how its done!

Bellingham Bay # 12 Royal Arch Masons will be starting a new class of Royal Arch Masons on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September.

Ancient craft Masonry states that there will be three degrees in Masonry "the entered apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason degree along with the degree of the Holy Royal Arch".

ANY Master Mason who would like to pursue "More Light in Masonry" and discover that which "has been lost with the death of our Grand Master Hiram Abif" are invited to join. Please contact any Royal Arch Mason for a petition and we can make this happen.

Fees are \$40, dues are \$10 per year, and you get a meal before each meeting.

Any questions, please contact me. 303-8311 or 676-0419

Thank you,  
Thom Baughn—Secretary

### **Installation Held**

On Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> Fairhaven Lodge No. 73 held its annual installation of officers. Below are the new officers for 2009-2010:

Worshipful Master ~ David Nelson  
Senior Warden ~ Don Olson  
Junior Warden ~ Joseph Howell  
Treasurer ~ Gary Pitcher  
Secretary ~ Thom Baughn  
Marshal ~ Dane Glaze  
Senior Deacon ~ James F. Brady III  
Junior Deacon ~ Douglas Reece  
Senior Steward ~ Vern Christianson  
Junior Steward ~ J. C. Dixon  
Tyler ~ Richard Small

Fairhaven's next stated meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> and the next Special will be on Tuesday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, and will feature a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree conferral.

*Fraternally, WB Dave Nelson*

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
	<b>31</b> Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 Dinner at 6:30, meeting - 7:30	<b>1</b> NWSC - Zem Zem 6, Dinner 7, Meet. 8 p. ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	<b>2</b> SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	<b>3</b> L # 56 7:30 pm Stated Comm. W 151 - Special Com an EA Deg is planned.	<b>4</b> BB # 44 stated 7:30 p. (SRH)  Full Moon	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)  Labor Day	<b>8</b> F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	<b>9</b> NV # 105 - 6 p. W 151 - FC Deg, Din-ner at 7 p. with Lodge To open about 7:30 p.	<b>10</b> Bethel # 25 at 7 p.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>  Grandparents Day	<b>14</b> F # 264 - stated, at 7:30 p. Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM Dinner at 6:30 - meeting 7:30 p	<b>15</b> KI # 186 7:30 p ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Board. Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> W 151-stated dinner at 5:30 pm. lodge opens 6:30 p. L # 56 Spl Com 7:30	<b>18</b> BB 44 7:30 pm. (SRH)  New Moon	<b>19</b> MLA hosted by and <b>at</b> NV Ldgo 105 begins at 10:00 AM  Rosh Hashanah
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Bellingham Chapter Royal Arch Dinner at 6:30, meeting 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>22</b> F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC) a FC Deg. ls planned. Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC) First Day of Autumn	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Bethel #25 at 7 p.
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Yom Kippur	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

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**John Sleeth (Ext 301)**

The Whatcom Brothers send their wishes for  
 A Very Happy September Birthday!

To:

- September 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bro. Daniel Brendible
- September 12<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Ronald Bailey
- September 13<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Steven Means
- September 16<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Ronald Exner
- September 18<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Bruce Ayers
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Bro. Bud Kinsey
- September 26<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Allen Jensen
- September 26<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Robert Lowe
- September 27<sup>th</sup> - Bro. William Follis Jr.

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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