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## Whatcom Lodge Report

**Stated Meeting** - Our stated meeting was held on August 19<sup>th</sup> with nineteen brothers attending. In addition to the regular business of the lodge a brother completed his MM Proficiency and an EAM Degree was conferred.

**Balloting:** One petition was balloted on and the result was *Fair, Clear* and *Bright*. By this action the Whatcom brethren elected Mr. Constantin "Tony" Anton as our newest member. (See up-coming Degrees)

**Degree Conferred:** Mr. Craig Bruner was Initiated as an our newest Entered Apprentice Mason. This is one of those rare moments when a father actually followed his son (Bro. Alex Bruner) into the Craft. We are so happy to have an active father and son duo in the lodge.

**Proficiency:** Brother James P. McCullough performed the MM Posting Lecture in excellent form. Congratulations to Bro. James.

**Election of Officers:** The annual election of officers was held and the results are as follows. WM elect is Boyd McEwen; SW elect is Monte Thompson; JW elect is Terrell Goertz; Treasurer elect is Scott Voss and Secretary elect is John Browne. So far Bro. Boyd has selected two of the Appointed Officer positions, they are: James McCullough as Chaplain and Jesse Petersen as Senior Deacon.

**Upcoming Degrees:** We plan to confer the EA Degree on Mr. Tony Anton on Thursday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tentatively we're planning to confer the EA Degree on Mr. Joel Laufenberg on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>; the MM Degree on Bro. Mike Mozelewski on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and the MM Degree on Bro. Tristan Burgess on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Installation of Officers:** The Whatcom Lodge Annual Installation of Officers will take place on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. The ceremony will be followed by a dinner. Seating will be limited and an RSVP is Required to attend dinner. Cost for dinner is \$25 per couple or \$12.50 per person.

RSVP to Secretary John Browne at:  
599-3481 or email him at: [jbrowne@telcomplus.net](mailto:jbrowne@telcomplus.net)

**Next meetings:** Our next Special Communication is Thursday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> and the next Stated Communication is Thursday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Note:** In today's hectic world it is not often possible to feel really secure when traveling around the country, let alone the world. Recently I've had reason to have confidence. In mid-August my daughter, who resides in Southern California, booked a flight for me to travel down for a visit, she is much more internet savvy than me. Anyway, she got a great round-trip price with Allegiant Airlines. Well as it turns out we have two Whatcom brothers who are pilots with this airline and as luck would have it they, Ian Geddes and Boyd McEwen, were my flight crew, both going down and coming back. With them, I knew I was in good hands.

Thanks for smooth flight and landings, brothers!

Fraternally, John Browne -

Secretary/Treasurer, contact information is at the bottom of page 4.



## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Sep 1 <sup>st</sup>	San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm
Sep 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
Sep 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
Sep 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
Sep 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ferndale Lodge - 7:30- pm
Sep 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm
Sep 16 <sup>th</sup>	Whatcom Lodge - 6:30 pm
Sep 25 <sup>th</sup>	Kulshan Int. Lodge - 10:30 am

### Save these Dates:

On Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> Lynden Lodge will host Joe Moser as a guest speaker at the Ferndale Masonic Center. The program will begin at 7:30 PM.

On Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM Lynden Lodge will host the Annual Hands Across the Border Dinner honoring the Grand Masters of MW Grand Lodges of British Columbia & Yukon and of Washington State.

On Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Installation of Officers for Whatcom Lodge at the Bellingham Masonic Center. Ceremony to begin at 4 PM.

Six essential qualities  
that are the key to success:

1. sincerity,
2. personal integrity,
3. humility,
4. courtesy,
5. wisdom,
6. charity.

~ William Messinger

**"Ritual is the way you carry the presence of the sacred,  
Ritual is the spark that must not go out."**

Christina Baldwin



### Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

A Child Identification Program was successfully conducted, again this year, during the Northwest Washington Fair. The program was guided by WB Dick Decima and Bro. Jerry Mason. Able assistance was received from Bellingham Bay Lodge # 44, Nooksack Lodge # 105, Ferndale Lodge # 264, Fairhaven # 73, Whatcom Lodge # 151, Eastern Star (multiple chapters), plus several community volunteers. Almost 600 children were processed.

Lynden Lodge members are scheduled to clean Masonic as well as Veteran's grave markers at Lynden cemetery on Saturday, September 18th from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. VFW members and Boy Scouts are expected to participate. Volunteer assistance from any District 10 members will be greatly appreciated. The Cemetery District will provide all cleaning materials.

On Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> Lynden Lodge will host Joe Moser as a guest speaker at the Ferndale Masonic Center. The program will begin at 7:30 PM. Mr. Moser is a veteran WWII pilot who was shot down and spent time in Buchenwald as a prisoner of War. He will give a presentation on his book, "A Fighter Pilot in Buchenwald". It promises to be a very interesting evening. There is no charge. All Masonic brethren and wives are invited to attend. Please join in refreshments after the program.

October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM is the date of this year's Hands Across the Border function. Lynden Community Center on Grover Street in downtown Lynden is the scheduled venue. Trio Lumina has been booked to provide entertainment. More details will be provided as the date draws near. Please mark your calendars now.

Installation of Lynden Lodge Officers:

Our installation for 2010/2011 is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. It is an open Installation and all are invited.

Jack A. Sprouls, WM -  
Lynden Lodge No. 56

Here is what *Bellingham Bay*

has going on.

*September* activities for Bellingham Bay #44

Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup> Open on the entered Apprentice Degree. Ballot on a candidate for the degrees.

Friday September 17<sup>th</sup> We will not open lodge this evening but will have a family dinner and receive a message from MWB Vern Wertz, Past Grand Master of Oregon.

Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> We will be visiting Kulshan Lodge No. 186 at 10:30 am at the Ferndale Masonic Center.

WM Gary Pitcher



### *Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105*

Nooksack Valley Lodge held its August Stated on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup>. As per our format lodge was opened at 6 PM and called to refreshment so we could join our ladies for a fine potluck dinner.

After dinner we returned to the lodge room and returned to labor. WM Jack Stanley took us through the agenda touching on all the points of business. WB Dick Decima gave a Finance Committee Report and Bro. Jerry Mason gave a brief Audit Committee Report and handed out copies so the brethren could review it until the next stated when it will be considered for adoption.

Not too far into the meeting there came a knock at the door of the lodge. The JD checked on the cause of the alarm and the Tyler informed him three brothers properly clothed sought and vouched-for sought admission. If you guessed that we received a surprise visit from Grand Master G. Santy Lascano you'd be correct. Attending the GM were VW Charles Tupper (D of GM in D 5) and the Grd. Photographer WB Darryl Womack.. WM Stanley was a bit stunned but recovered nicely and business was duly completed.

MW Santy Lascano closed lodge and a photo-op was taken, including the ladies.

*Note:* Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, Nooksack Valley Lodge will be holding a Special Communication for the purpose of conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on Mr. Justin Thomas—at 7 PM.

*Fraternal Greetings* from the Higgeson's  
in *South Dakota*.

Well we have been here four years now and it is still not the place we want to be. We thought that we could get use to life here but if you live for anytime on the west coast, living anywhere else is just not an option.

There really isn't much news from here except that we are really trying to sell our place and get back to Washington.

As I write this the weather is not what we are use to in WA. It's about ninety degrees and the humidity is very high. We probably will have a thunder storm by the end of the day. It is better than the winter when we have snow up to your knees and twenty below zero weather, but, we really don't like the heat that much. The air conditioner runs day and night.

We had an opportunity to go to a Shrine function in Aberdeen South Dakota a while back and it was a really fun evening. We met a few Shriners and their wives about fifty miles west of our place and they had a bus to take us to Aberdeen. A few libations and a ride of about seventy miles and we were there. They had some great entertainment and we had a great time. That is about all that we have done within the Masonic Family in the last three years. We all miss the friendship and fellowship of the Masonic Family and look forward to being back HOME in Washington to be with you all again.

Thank you John Browne for keeping us informed as to what is happening in District Ten and congratulations to all the Lodges for all the Degree work.

God bless and keep you all.

Don, Kathy and Tiffani Higgeson  
don@higgeson.us



Common sense  
and a sense of humor  
are the same thing,  
moving at different speeds.

A sense of humor  
is just common sense,  
dancing.

~ William James

**NWSC NEWS** Welcome back Nobles & Ladies. I hope you all had a nice summer. On Tuesday September 7, 2010 we will meet at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli and Ale House at 709 W. Orchard Drive for our monthly meeting. Dinner will be BBQ Ribs & Chicken, with all the fixings. All for the cost of \$17.00 per person. Zem Zem is at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. and Meeting at 8:00 p.m. For reservations call Noble Ron Fine at 360-676-5747 or E-mail me at [RonFine2@aol.com](mailto:RonFine2@aol.com). **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2010.**

We suffered a great loss over the summer; Noble Walt Tanguy passed. Noble Bud Kinsey broke is foot. Noble Ted McQuiston suffered a stroke ( he is now at the Alderwood Care Center, room # 14, East Wing.) Hope to see you all on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 for our dinner meeting.

Yours in Faith  
Ron Fine, Secretary.



You may not be able to change the world,  
but at least you can embarrass the guilty.

~ Jessica Mitford



Exhilaration is that feeling you get  
just after a great idea hits you, and  
just before you realize  
what's wrong with it.

~ Rex Harrison (actor)



To make mistakes is human;  
to stumble is commonplace;  
to be able to  
laugh at yourself  
is maturity.

~ William Arthur Ward

BMC = Bellingham Masonic Center on W. Maplewood ; FMC = Ferndale Masonic Center;  
 FHMC = Friday Harbor Masonic Center; NMC = Nooksack Masonic Center; SRH = Scottish Rite Hall



If the highest aim of a captain were to preserve his ship, he would keep it in port forever.

~ St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8. Dinner at 6:30, meet 7:30 pm	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)  NV #105 Spl for an EAM Deg at 7 pm	<b>2</b> L # 56 stated meet-ing 7:30 pm  W #151 - Spl. Comm - an EA Deg is planned.	<b>3</b> BB # 44 stated 7:30 pm.	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)  Labor Day	<b>7</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	<b>8</b> NV # 105 - 6 pm Stated Meeting  Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown	<b>9</b> Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.	<b>10</b>  Eid al-Fitr (Ramadan ends)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  Grandparents Day	<b>13</b> F # 264 - 7:30 p. Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM	<b>14</b> F # 73-stated 7 pm. (BMC)  Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> W 151-stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm. A Deg is planned	<b>17</b> BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p. Dinner with PGM Vern Wertz (SRH)  Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown	<b>18</b> MLA at 10:00 host is NVL 105
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bellingham Chp Royal Arch  F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>21</b> ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)  NWSC Board. Meeting	<b>22</b> NV #105 Spl at 7 pm.	<b>23</b> Lynden Lodge 56 hosts the Joe Moser presentation at 7:30 pm  Autumnal Equinox	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> KI # 186, stated, at 10:30 am. Bethel #25 at 7 pm
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> F # 73-Spl. 7 pm.	<b>29</b>  Michlemas Feast of St. Michael	<b>30</b>		

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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 13<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Jakob O. Frisch
- 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.