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September 2011

## Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105 Dinner & Concert *Fund-raiser*



Dinner starts at 6:00 pm

**Jerry's Gourmet Spaghetti & Leslie's Famous Caesar Salad**  
(Vegan also available)

Concert starts at 7:00 pm.

Dinner & Concert: \$15:00; Concert only: \$7:00  
(Canadian funds at par)

For Reservations: WB Dick Decima - 360-392-0145 or - [rhdecima@aol.com](mailto:rhdecima@aol.com)

**Concert** ~~ Starring Matt Rehfeldt - celebrated Cellist  
Selections from 'Bach to Rock'

Celebrated cellist Matt Rehfeldt has performed as a featured soloist with the University of Redlands Chamber Orchestra and the Skagit Symphony. Mr. Rehfeldt has held the post of principal cellist for many symphony orchestras including the Claremont Young Musicians' Orchestra, Mancini Symphony of the Desert, Southern California Youth Orchestra, Cascade Symphony and the Starry Night Orchestra. He is currently performing regularly as soloist, principal cellist and chamber musician throughout the Western Washington area. His instrument is more than 290 years old!

### *Whatcom Lodge Report*

**Stated Meeting** - Our stated meeting was held on August 18<sup>th</sup> with 16 brothers attending. SW Monte Thompson opened on the Second Degree and conducted the regular business of the lodge.

**Degree Conferred:** This evening a courtesy FC Deg. was conferred Bro. Tom Hastings, a member of Silver State Lodge No. 95, Jurisdiction of the GL of Colorado. Preceding the degree Bro. Tom did a very fine job of proving-up on the EA Posting Lecture.

**Petitions:** The four Petitions read at the July Stated meeting were reported on and all were found to be full & favorable.

**Balloting:** The above mentioned petitions were balloted-on and each had a result of **Fair, Clear & Bright**. By these ballots Mr. Sorin Rotea, Mr. Michael DeAnnuntis, Mr. Wade Balkman and Mr. Trevor Kellow became the newest members of Whatcom Lodge, Welcome to the Craft!

**Election of Officers:** The annual election of officers was held and the results were: WM = Monte Thompson; SW = Terrell Goertz; JW = Jesse Petersen; Trea. = Scott Voss and Sec'y = John F. Browne. Appointed Officers are: Chap = James McCullough; Mar = Bruce Sterling; SD = Tony Anton; JD = John J. Brown; SS = Alex Bruner & Tyler yet to be determined.

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## *Stated Meeting Dates* of the District Ten Lodges

Sep 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lynden Int. Lodge - 7:30 PM
Sep 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bellingham Bay Lodge - 7:30 P
Sep 7 <sup>th</sup>	San Juan Lodge - 7:30 PM
Sep 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ferndale Lodge - 7:30- pm
Sep 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm
Sep 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
Sep 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whatcom Lodge - 6:30 pm - dinner - 5:30; mtg. at 6:30 pm.

**Save this Date:**

## Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> For the Hands Across the Border Dinner/Show

Honoring Grand Masters  
MW Mike Sanders  
MW GL F&AM of Washington  
&  
MW Bill Cave  
MW GL AF&AM of BC & Yukon

5:30 PM ~~ Social  
6:00 PM ~~ Prime Rib or Salmon

7:00 PM ~~ Entertainment  
By the Swing Connection

Location: Lynden Community Ctr.  
401 Grover St., Lynden, WA

Cost is **\$25**  
(Canadian funds at par)

RSVP to WB Dick Decima  
Ph: 360-392-0145  
Email: [rhdecima@aol.com](mailto:rhdecima@aol.com)

## MASONIC LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION

Masonic Leadership Association  
Meets at Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105  
September 17<sup>th</sup> – at – 10 AM

Featured at the September meeting for MLA will be a presentation from GROTTO of North America. You have not heard of Grotto? This will be an excellent opportunity to learn.

Nooksack Valley Lodge will be hosting with coffee and snacks at 9:30AM. The Lodge is located at 601 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, in beautiful downtown Nooksack.

The NEW 2012 Directory is in design and we are missing your list of officers to complete your section. Be the first to get your copy to Dick Decima, our MLA Secretary. Dick will collect all of the officer data this year. Vern Christianson, our super designer and composer of the directory will be requested to start his part so we can have it distributed in December this year.

Remember to look both ways when crossing the tracks to the Nooksack Hall.

John Sleeth - President



### Notes from Lynden Int. Lodge No. 56

#### STATED MEETING

September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM

#### SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

#### FALL HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Hands Across the Border event occurring on Saturday, October 8 2011. This will be a fun evening with our usual prime rib or salmon dinner and great entertainment featuring a great big band playing plenty of great old swing music. We will be honoring the Grand Masters of Washington and British Columbia / Yukon. MW Michael Sanders and MW Bill Cave. The event will be at the Lynden community center. You will not want to miss this.

See our notice on page one!

WB Jerry Mason

## Deputy of the Grand Master - **District Ten**

### *A Message for September:*

**Heads-up:** Just a note to all the newly installed Worshipful Masters to remind them I will be scheduling Official Visits (OVs) to each of the lodges in District 10 in September. These have to be completed by March, 2012.

WM's and Secretaries please look for an email with details of the OV process coming out soon after Labor Day.

**Brethren:** The last couple of months have seen joy and sadness. The joy has been visiting lodges to witness installations, degree work and the reading of 4 petitions for EA Degrees in one meeting! The sadness has been the loss of a Past Grand Master and the sitting Senior Grand Warden. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers. With 3 installations down, the next on September 1 at Whatcom Lodge and three more to go, it has been a busy term. For those Master Masons who have not witnessed a *closed installation of officers* for a while, join me at Whatcom 151's Installation on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at the Bellingham Masonic Center. Whatcom is having dinner at 5:30 (**see page 4 for details**) and the installation at 6:30. Remember in the Power of Your Dreams....they are coming to pass in District 10.

Warmest fraternal regards,

*Troy Nutter*

District Deputy of the Grand Master for District 10

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Phone: 360-738-9655



### ***Evergreen Assembly No. 17 - Rainbow Girls***

Rainbow Girls: September 2011

The first meeting of the month is on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

The second meeting is on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

There is a Jurisdictional Representative Meeting,  
on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> in Issaquah.

### ***In October:***

RBG's will be serving at the Hands Across the Border Dinner in Lynden on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Official Visit of the New GWA, Becky LaMastus, and Mrs. Brown on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 at the Ferndale Hall.

Wendy Knowlton

*Mother Advisor, Evergreen Assembly #17*



The members of the  
**Valley of Bellingham**  
invite you to join us in the  
**Fall Class.**

Witness the 4° through the 32°.

Application is open to all those brothers who have had their 3rd degree conferred on them.

Only a few slots available. Deadline is September 7th with the 4th degree scheduled for September 21st. For an application or/and more information email:

[secretary@scottish-rite.com](mailto:secretary@scottish-rite.com)  
(360) 733-1103 Office  
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## Scottish Rite Masonry *Valley of Bellingham*

Valley of Bellingham, Scottish Rite, is looking for a few good Masons to make the outstanding Masons in the Fall Degree and Education Uplift program. If you are looking more light in Masonry, now is your opportunity to join this Vibrant and Young group of Brothers in their quest for knowledge. Please give me a call by September 7<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in becoming enlightened and enriched through this Scottish Rite experience. This class is offered only in the Fall.

Rite Care is a program Scottish Rite Masons are involved in. Read about it in this issue of the News. The Valley also supports the Junior ROTC Programs. SR Masons are responsible for getting the Washington State Masonic License Plate purchases established, thousands of dollars in scholarships, plus much more.....

John Sleeth, General Secretary  
Bellingham Valley  
[secretary@scottish-rite.com](mailto:secretary@scottish-rite.com)  
360-733-1103

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

***Friday September 1<sup>th</sup>*** – Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44 will hold it's Stated Communication at 7:30 PM.

***Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>*** – Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44 will hold it's Special Communication at 7:30 PM. It is the annual visit of MWB Vern Wertz, PGM of Oregon.



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Person to contact: Bro. Constantin (Tony) Anton

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## NWSC

Well here we are in the dog days of summer, getting ready for our Shrine Club monthly meetings. On Tuesday September 6, 2011 is our annual Bar "B" Que night: Bar B Q Ribs & Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob Cornbread/Honey, Cole Slaw, Coffee, Tea, & Dessert. All for the price of \$17.00 per person. This will be at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli and Ale House. 709 W. Orchard Drive. Call Noble Ron Fine at 360-676-5747 for reservations or E-mail [RonFine2@aol.com](mailto:RonFine2@aol.com).

"DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2011!"

Things have been slow for the Sunshine Committee, Noble John Burley is still having problems, Noble George Edwards had a hip replacement in July; have not heard back from him how it all went; Noble Russ Gran had cataract surgery 2 weeks ago, learning this from outside source, doing well. Enjoy the last bits of summer and remember school will be starting soon, so slow down in school crossing areas.

Yours in Faith  
Ron Fine, Secretary.

**MASTER MASONS:**  
You are invited to attend the  
**Tyled Installation**  
of  
**Bro. Monte Thompson,**  
Worshipful Master Elect,  
for  
**Whatcom Lodge No. 151**

**The Date** of Installation  
is Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

A Steak Dinner will begin the event  
*served at 5:30 PM.*

A dinner **RSVP** is required  
by **4 PM** on Tuesday, **August 30<sup>th</sup>**

The cost for dinner is **\$12**, payable at the door.

To RSVP - call Bro. Monte Thompson at 360- 224-8576

or email John Browne at [jbrowne.brf@gmail.com](mailto:jbrowne.brf@gmail.com)

Lodge will begin to open at about 6:30 pm,  
on the Master Mason Degree.

Dessert will follow the closing of Lodge.

Master Masons  
Please join us at the Bellingham Masonic Center  
2626 W. Maplewood, Ave, Bellingham, WA

**Memorial Milestone**

The Grand Lodge is saddened to announce the loss  
of our Senior Grand Warden,

**RW Jerald K. Lingle,**

who passed away suddenly on  
Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.



The Memorial Service will be held  
Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 10:00 am  
at the "EVENT CENTER" at Little ~ Creek Resort  
on Highway 101 between Shelton and Olympia,  
at the Junction of State Route 108.

Masons are to wear white leather  
or white cloth aprons for  
RW Jerry's services.  
*No Regalia.*



**Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105**

**Next stated meeting:** Wednesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. We  
open lodge and go to refreshment to join our ladies for  
dinner. Goes back to labor at 7 pm. After lodge is closed  
we retire for dessert and then part for home.

**Next special meeting:** Wednesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Fraternally  
W. Bro. Tim Springstead  
WM Nooksack Valley Lodge

**Bethel No. 25 Jobs Daughters**

**September Meetings:**

Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Masons are especially welcome to attend  
the meetings of Bethel No. 25. Your support  
of Masonic Youth today will help build  
a stronger community for tomorrow.

Sincerely:  
**HQ Clair Bynon**

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**Installation of Officers:** The Installation of Officers is  
set for Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Visitor to Lodge:** We had a special visitor to lodge, Bro.  
Lionel Stone, who belongs to a lodge in California. As it  
turns out that lodge was near where WB Ted Schuman  
was from in CA and they have several friends in common.

**Up-coming Degrees:** Tues., Aug 30<sup>th</sup> is set for Mr.  
Wade Balkman's EA Degree; Thurs., Sep 15<sup>th</sup> is set for  
Mr. Michael DeAnnuntis' EA Degree; Thurs., Sep 29<sup>th</sup>  
is set for Mr. Sorin Rotea's EA Degree and Thurs., Oct 6<sup>th</sup>  
is set for the EA Degree for Mr. Trevor Kellow.

**Good of the Order:** It was reported that WB John Bur-  
ley is at home and would like visitors.

**Note:** In the month of October I'll be sending out the  
Annual Dues Notices. Please return your dues pay-  
ment in a timely fashion. It will help your lodge  
greatly if you made an additional donation for the  
lodge's investment fund, that is the best for assis-  
tance to extend supporting our lodge into the future.

The next Stated meeting is on September 15<sup>th</sup>, din-  
ner at 5:30 & lodge at 6:30 pm. As noted above we  
have an EAM Degree planned for this meeting.

Fraternally, John Browne - Secretary,  
My contact information is on *page 5*

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>28</b>	<b>29</b> Hesperus Commandery No. 8. Dinner at 6:30, meet 7:30 pm	<b>30</b> W151 - Spl. We have an EA Deg. Dinner at 5:30 Lodge at 6:30 pm.	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> L Int. #56 stated 7:30 pm. W #151 - Installation of Officers. Dinner at 5:30 pm - RSVP required. Lodge opens at 6:30 P.	<b>2</b> BB # 44 - Stated Comm. 7:30 pm.	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)  Labor Day	<b>6</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 pm	<b>7</b> SJ # 175 - stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Bethel # 25 at 6 pm.	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> F # 264 - 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	<b>13</b> F # 73-stated 7 pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 (FMC)	<b>14</b> NV # 105 - stated at 6 pm - our ladies are invited - pot luck dinner at 6:15 PM	<b>15</b> W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	<b>16</b> BB 44 - Spl. Comm. 7:30 pm. Annual visit by MWB Vern Wertz PGM of GL of Oregon.	<b>17</b> MLA -hosted at the NV Masonic Hall by NVL 105 NVL 105 Dinner & Concert. The dinner is at 7 pm. See Ad on page 1
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p.  F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>20</b> ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	<b>21</b> SJ # 175 - Spl. 7:30 p. (FHMC)	<b>22</b> B'ham Temple Association Mtg. 7:30	<b>23</b>  Fall Equinox	<b>24</b> NVL 105 Rum- mage Sale 8 to 2 PM Bethel #25 at 6 pm
<b>25</b> NVL 105 Rummage Sale 8 to 2 PM	<b>26</b> F # 264 - In- stallation of Officers 7:30 p.	<b>27</b> F # 73- Installa- tion of Officers 7:30 pm. Evergreen RB # 17 (FMC)	<b>28</b> NV # 105 - spl  Rosh Hashanah Begins at sundown	<b>29</b> W151 - Spl. We have an EA Deg. Din- ner at 5:30 Lodge at 6:30 pm.  Michaelmas	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>

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 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.

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**John Sleeth** (Ext 301)

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