



Letters from District No. 10

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Shriners - Bellingham Outreach Clinic

Sat. September 23rd from 8:30 am to 3 pm. For an appointment call 503-241-5090. Location: 4545 Cordata Parkway, Bellingham, WA 98226.
www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/Locations/portland

Whatcom Lodge Report

Special Communication: Our Thurs. August 3th meeting was attended by 18 Whatcom Brothers and 2 visitor, WB Dave Sarna King Phillip Lodge in Massachusetts.

Degree: JW Ken Peck conferred the EA Degree on Mr. Jacob Williams. WB Thom Baughn was the SD. Ken Peck gave the *Apron Lecture*, SW Craig Bruner presented the *Working Tools*, the *Master's Lecture* was given by WB John Brown & VW John Browne and John Brown gave the *Charge*. At the conclusion of the degree Bro. Jacob Williams was escorted West of the Altar and congratulations were given by the Brethren.

Lodge Campout: WB Ted Schuman reported that the lodge campout at the Masonic Park was a success again this year, with a good turnout.

Sickness & relief: Sec'y John Browne reported that our 96 year old Br. Roy McDonald, a 63 year Mason, is in hospice and our prayer are with him.

Stated Communication: The August 17th Stated Communication was attended by 18 Whatcom Brothers and 1 visitor.

Balloting on petitions: There were three petitions up for balloting. All three Investigation Reports were Full & Favorable. The results of the balloting was Fair, Clear & Bright. Mr. Dave Lemon and Mr. Jerry Hill were granted to receive the Degrees of Masonry and WB Gordon White was voted as a member by Affiliation.

Degrees: WB Ted Schuman noted that since the above petitions for the degrees were approved hold the following degrees: Mr. Dave Lemon will have his EA conferred on September 7th and Mr. Jerry Hill's EA will be conferred on October 5th.

In Memoriam: Whatcom Lodge lost a longtime member at the beginning of August. WB Roy Nicholas passed on Aug. 2nd. WB Roy joined Whatcom Lodge in March of 1960, being Initiated on 3/24/1960. Hew was Passed on 4/14/1960 and Raised on 5/26/1960. He was Master for the 1982 term. His obituary is on page 3.

Next Special Communication: is on Thursday, September the 7th. The next Stated Communication will be on Thursday, September 21st. For both meetings Dinner is at 5:30 pm and Lodge opens at 6:30 pm.

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

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Sep 1st Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
Sep 11th Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 pm
Sep 14th Lynden Int. Lodge - 7 pm
Sep 21st Whatcom Lodge - dinner at

Up-coming Events

NO Commandery on Sept 4th.
Special Note!

Hesperus Commandery No. 8 - 7:30... On Monday August 28th, at 7:30 pm Hesperus Commandery No. 8 will hold it's First Monday of September meeting on the last Monday of August so as not to be conflict with the Labor Day Holiday.

Entered Apprentice Degree... on Thursday, Sept. 7th Whatcom Lodge will confer the EA Degree on Mr. Dave Lemon. Dinner at 5:30, lodge at 6:30 pm.

Bellingham Outreach Clinic... Sat. September 23rd. To schedule an appointment call: 503-241-5090. Hours at 8:30 am to 3 pm at 4545 Cordata Pkwy, B'ham.
www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/Locations/portland.

Entered Apprentice Degree... Whatcom Lodge will hold confer an EA Degree at it's Oct. 5th Spl. Communication. Dinner at 5:30 and Lodge opens at 6:30 pm.

Open Installation of Officers... for Whatcom Lodge 151 is set for Sat. October 7th. The social period begins at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6 pm. The Installation will follow dinner. The dinner will be catered and we'll have a donation jar, suggested donation of \$15 to \$20. RSVP to Craig Bruner 360-319-7163 or John Browne email: jbrowne.brf@gmail.com or phone: 360-599-3481

Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

Sep 14 th	Stated Communication	7:00 PM
Sep 28 th	Special Communication	7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

Congratulations to WM Troy Luginbill

Congratulations to WM Troy Luginbill and his officers for opening and closing Lodge in a more than adequate manner at the stated communication on August 14th. That date marked the first time that WM Troy presided since his installation as Worshipful Master on July 13th.

Consolidation of memberships of Ferndale Lodge No. 264 & Lynden International Lodge No. 56

The members, who were present at the stated communication on August 14th, voted unanimously for the consolidation of the memberships of Ferndale Lodge No. 264 and Lynden International Lodge No. 56. The members of Ferndale Lodge No. 264 present at their stated communication on July 10th already had approved the consolidation. Upon the approval by Grand Lodge of the consolidation, the consolidated Lodge will request an amendment to the By-laws to change the name to Lynden/Ferndale International Lodge No. 56. We welcome our Ferndale brothers to this union.

Spring 2017 Hands Across the Border

Our 2017 Fall Hands Across the Border gala dinner show will take place on Saturday, October 7th. We will honor MWB Ron Yates, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of British Columbia & Yukon, and MWB Warren Schoeben, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington, at the Ferndale Masonic Hall at 5638 3rd Avenue. The social period begins at 5:30. Dinner will be served at 6:00 with a choice of scrumptious entrees prime rib or crab cakes. About 7:30 Performer Bill DeGroot will be featured in his artistic tribute to singing star Roy Orbison. It won't be Roy himself who entertains us but we should certainly enjoy Bill's tribute to the Big O. Masons, their ladies and guests are most welcome! Seating is limited to 100 guests. Please make your reservations ASAP by calling Dick Decima at 360-392-0145 or by email at rhdecima@aol.com.

Petitions

Two petitions were received at the stated communication on August 14th. One petition was for the degrees and the other petition was for plural membership. WM Luginbill appointed the appropriate investigating committees. We look forward to balloting on these two petitions at our stated communication in September.

WB Dick Decima,

Here is what *Bellingham Bay* has going on.

Friday September 1st Stated: At the September stated, we will elect new officers!!!

Friday September 15th Special: At the September special Scott Saunders talk about collectible comic books. He's on vacation and I haven't heard back from him yet to confirm. Scott is the back-up program.

October special is a Past Master Night AND the 111th Trowel Exchange.

WB Arne Hansen
Master, Bellingham Bay No. 44

Remembering Brother Lafayette

I find it somewhat scandalous that very few Americans know the name, let alone the significance, of the Marquis de Lafayette and his role in the founding of our Great Country. Although he was French, he most definitely numbers among our Founding Fathers. A very, VERY rich nobleman living near Paris, he took great interest in the Declaration of Independence and the budding experiment known as The United States of America. He came to our shore, bringing his enthusiasm for our cause, his leadership skills...and his MONEY. Lafayette paid salaries, bought uniforms, and provided weapons for the fledgling Continental Army. He was made a General. Did he "buy" his rank? Was he egotistical and arrogant? Yes. Was he necessary? YES!

As a soldier, he was wounded three times. He spent the horrific winter with Gen. (and Brother) George Washington at Valley Forge. His involvement with our cause was seen by Bro. Ben Franklin as instrumental in convincing the French government to intercede on our behalf. After spending his entire fortune on our independence, he went home...made another fortune...and was a key player in the beginning of the French Revolution. That one was considerably more...messy. But that's a story for another time.

One hundred years ago, on our Independence Day July 4th, 1917 200 members of the American Expeditionary Force arrived in Paris to show our support for a beleaguered France in their war with the Central Powers. They were led by Gen (and Brother) "Black Jack" Pershing. After ceremonies in Paris commemorating the first American troops ever on the continent of Europe, a group of soldiers, politicians and diplomats made their way to Picpus Cemetery on the outskirts of Paris to the grave of The Marquis de Lafayette. Upon arrival Lt. Colonel Charles Stanton declared, "Lafayette, we are here!"

IN MEMORIAM

Obituary of WB Roy Nicholas

Roy Willard Nicholas died on August 2, 2017. A native of Bellingham, Roy attended Bellingham High School. After serving his country in the U.S. Navy, Roy went on to become a professional locksmith. He was a member of Immanuel Bible Church in Bellingham.

Among his many interests, Roy enjoyed fishing, camping, and performing community service. He was a member of ALOA, and NWLA professional associations, and served as Convention Chair for Tri-Regional Locksmiths. He was also involved in Bellingham Central Lions Club, VFW, and Boy Scouts of America Whatcom Masonic Lodge No. 151, where was Worshipful Master in 1982. He was a Mason in good standing for over 54 years.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, Nick and Helga Nicholas. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Dolores; sons Richard (Kay), Bryan (Kim), Larry (Jessica); grandchildren Jacob, Josh, Rachael, Daniel, Rebecca, Nathan, Jessica Ann, Kelly, Sammuell, and Andrew; and 5 great-grandchildren.

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In 2002 President George W. Bush made recommendation by proclamation that the Marquis de Lafayette be made an Honorary Citizen of the United States. The proclamation was approved by our Congress and the Marquis became the 8th person so named in the history of our country. Today, he lies next to his wife in Picpus Cemetery... with an American Flag permanently flying over his grave ... surrounded by soil from Bunker Hill. Oh, and did I mention he was a Mason? "His spirit hath ascended on high, we commit his body to the ground, and cherish his memory forever!"

Masonic Degree Upcoming

Whatcom Lodge is planning an Entered Apprentice Degree for Mr. David Lemon to be conferred at the Thursday, September 7th Special Communication.

Dinner is at 5:30

Lodge opens at 6:30 pm.

Whatcom Lodge meets at the Bellingham Masonic Center at 2626 West Maplewood Ave., in Bellingham, WA.

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VW John Browne...360-599-3481
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NWSC

We return from our summer vacation on September 5th. Our First dinner meeting for the year. We are meeting at Jeckly & Hyde Deli 709 Orchard Drive. Near the Country Club. Dinner will be Pork Chops with all the trimmings (whatever that is). The cost for the dinner is \$20 Zem Zem at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30.

No raffle – BUT - - - everyone who attends will be given a ticket for a door prize. We usually have many door prizes from a complete Breakfast to home made pies. We will be discussing the upcoming Shrine Hospital Clinic that will be held in Bellingham, and upcoming events planned this year for the Shrine Club.

If you are interested in the Shrine Hospitals and the wonderful work they do for our children then please attend, or if you are interested in becoming a member of the Northwest Shrine Club please attend.

If you were a member in the past – we would love to see you renew your membership and come rejoin the club.

RSVP: Please call the Secretary/Treasurer Gerrit Kuiken

Ferndale Lodge No. 264

Merger of Ferndale 264 and Lynden International 56

On July 10th Ferndale Lodge 264 voted for merger with Lynden International 56. This was not a vote that any of us looked forward to, but due to our declining and ageing membership, merger was the only course open to us short of surrendering our Charter.

Lynden currently shares Ferndale Masonic Center with us and this seemed like a natural fit. A committee was appointed in May, and Lynden was approached regarding a possible merger to which they were quite amenable. They appointed a committee that night, and following several meetings of the two committees, the move for merger went forward. A merger with Lynden International #56 was recommended by the Ferndale committee at the June Stated, and the same recommendation was made by the Lynden committee at their June Stated. Lynden was Dark for the month of July, and when they returned to Labor in August, voted for merger. We are now working with Grand Lodge to make the merger a reality. This is moving forward and it looks like the September 11th Stated may be Ferndale 264's last meeting.

The history of Ferndale #264 indicates that its first meeting in August of 1924 was well attended. I would like to invite the Brethren of District 10 to attend our September 11th meeting, and we can say that the last meeting was also well attended.

Everett Thompson, Secretary, Ferndale Lodge 264

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
27	28 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30	29	30	31	1 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	2
3	4 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - is on August 28 th <i>Labor Day</i>	5 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	6 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	7 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm. We have an EA Degree this evening.	8	9
10	11 F # 264 - 7:30 p the last meeting. Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	12 Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm	13 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	14 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	15 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p. A talk on collectable comic books by Scott Saunders	16
17	18 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	19 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	20 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm <i>Rosh Hashanah begins</i>	21 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	22 <i>Rosh Hashanah ends</i> <i>Fall Equinox</i>	23 Bellingham Outreach Clinic, Shriners Hospitals Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm
24	25	26 Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM	27 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	28 L # 56 special meet-ing 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	29 <i>Michaelmas</i> <i>Feast of St. Michael the Archangel</i>	30

**Widows & Orphans Fund
for District No. 10**

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

at

WB Jesse Petersen at 360– 319-5556,

or you may contact your Lodge Secretary or your Worshipful Master.

Fraternally,

President, Jesse Petersen - Vice President



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