



# Letters from District No. 10

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## Whatcom Lodge Report

**Special Communication:** The Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Special was attended by 19 Whatcom Brothers and 1 visitor: WB Barry Podwin Holland Lodge #1, MWGL of TX who given a hearty welcome. Lodge was opened on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

**Widows & Orphans:** SW Ken Peck gave a report on the status of the Windows and Orphans Committee. He advised they would whole their annual meeting in October.

**Masonic education/program:** WB Barry Podwin described an *Opening Charge* and presented it to the Brethren. WB Larry West presented a bit of personal history and it's evolution to the man he is today. WM Craig showed a video on the history of the State of Pennsylvania.

**Stated Communication:** The August 16<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting was attended by 16 Whatcom Brothers and 1 visitor: WB Podwin of Holland Lodge #1 MWGL of TX who was given a hearty welcome. Lodge was opened on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and the business of the lodge conducted briskly.

**Masonic Youth:** Bro. Dave Lemon gave report on the activities of our local Rainbow Assembly #17.

**Masonic program/education:** WB Barry Podwin gave a bit of personal and Masonic history which we all found very interesting.

WM Craig Bruner showed a YouTube video on Masonry called *Masonry and the Fabric of America*. It was really well done and fascinating.

**Masonic Events:** VW Don Higgerson reported that the Masonic Day at the Bellingham Bells Baseball was a success. He added that the Club invited the Masons back for next year. Don also reminded us that in September the Scottish Rite would host a special event Richard Kovac's impersonation of Robert de Brus.

**Masonic Lunch:** We had a good attendance at the August 21<sup>st</sup> luncheon and two men interested in Masonry joined us for conversation. The next monthly luncheon is on Tuesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Rusty Wagon.

**Lodge BBQ:** WB Ted Schuman reports that 21 persons attended the Lodge BBQ. He noted that WB Dave Nelson labored at the grille and that no one went away hungry.

**Next Special Communication:** is on Thursday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. The next Stated Communication will be on Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> Bellingham Bay - dinner at 6:30; meeting at 7:30 pm.
- Sep 13<sup>th</sup> Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge 7 pm.
- Sep 20<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

## Up-coming Events

**Sept 4 NWSC....** We start our dinner meetings again on September 4<sup>th</sup> – at the Jeckly/Hyde Restaurant. Zem Zem at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

**Installation of Officers...** Bellingham Bay #44 is holding their annual installation of Officer on Sat. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Sept 10 Celebration of Life....** You are invited to a celebration of Life for Susan Miu Lee Decima. Please RSVP to [kdsimek@gmail.com](mailto:kdsimek@gmail.com) or phone 310-497-5626. Location: Bellingham Yacht Club from 11 am to 2 pm

**Valley of Bellingham Scottish Rite...** On Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Richard Kovac will preform his impersonation of Robert de Brus. Soc hr at 6 pm. Open to All. See page 3 for more details.

**Masonic Monthly Luncheon....** Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 12 noon at the **Rusty Wagon**, on Hannegan, just north of the Pole Rd. This is an open event, perfect to bring friends interested in the Craft to chat with real live Masons in the wild.

**Whatcom Open Installation...** set for Sat. October 13<sup>th</sup>...soc. at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 and ceremony at 7:30 pm RSVP to Sec'y John Browne for dinner.

**Hands Across the Border...** set for Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

Sep 6<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting 7 PM  
 Sep 20<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting 7 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

**Degree Work** We have an EA Degree in the works so stand by for details as they become firm.

**Election of officers** Our election of officers was held at our 8/9/2018 meeting with the following results:

WM ..... Troy Lugginbil;

SW ..... Howard Hanna;

JW ..... Dick Myhre;

Trea. .... Eric Bauer;

Sec'y ..... Dick Decima.

Appointed officers to be announced in September.

The date for installation has not yet been confirmed but will likely at our October 25<sup>th</sup> Special Communication.

### **Hands Across the Border - 2018 Fall**

Grand Master James Kendall and Grand Master Barry Burch are now Grand Masters of their respective jurisdictions. They have selected Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, as the date for the annual Hands Across the Border gala dinner show. Wives and other guests are most welcome. Please mark this date on your calendar.

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### *Spiritual philosophy on Masonic Themes*

At the end of life,  
     What really matters  
 Is not what we bought  
     But what we built;  
 Not what we got  
     But what we shared;  
 Not our competence  
     But our character;  
     And not our significance.  
 Live a Life that matters.  
     Live a Life of Love.



#### **Future planning:**

If your plan is for 1 year, plant rice.  
 If your plan is for 10 years, plant trees.  
 If your plan is for 100 years,  
**educate children.**

*(in Masonry we encourage all these plans together)*

Here is what **Bellingham Bay**

has going on.

**Friday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication:** dinner is at 6:30

**Saturday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Annual installation of Officers**

**Friday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Special Communication:** dinner is at 6:30 PM.

Bro. Kurt Gazow SW of Bellingham Bay No. 44



I am not this hair  
 I am not this skin  
 I am the soul that  
 Lives within.

*Rumi*

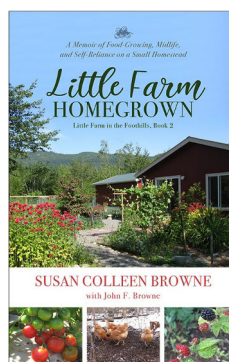
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VWB John Browne announces a new Little Farm book!

## Little Farm Homegrown A Memoir of Food-Growing, Midlife, and Self-Reliance on a Small Homestead

Little Farm in the Foothills series, Book 2

By Susan Colleen Browne and John F. Browne



In this sequel to the award-winning memoir, *Little Farm in the Foothills*, *Little Farm Homegrown* follows Whatcom County homesteaders Susan and her husband John coping with the demands of their middle years while raising chickens, creating a self-sufficient lifestyle, and living closer to—and often battling—nature.

Like the first Little Farm memoir, *Little Farm Homegrown* is a warmhearted tale for gardeners, nature-lovers, and dreamers of all ages!

Now available at all Whatcom County Library branches and Village Books in Bellingham...you can also request *Little Farm Homegrown* at your local library. You'll find the ebook at your favorite online retailer too!

For a signed copy (\$14.00), please contact John at  
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## Deputy of the Grand Master

Brethren of District 10,

*I has been a nice start to a two year term serving you as the Deputy to District 10 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington. I have made a couple of visitations to Lodges in our wonderful District and I am seeing a lot of good things coming from each and every Lodge. Each Lodge is on it's own path to greatness and I am excited to see what the upcoming two years brings. Please keep In mind brothers that I am you and your Lodge's biggest cheerleader (no, I will not wear the skirt), and will do anything that I possibly can to aid and assist.*

*I have been notified via the Grand Master's Itinerary, that our **District 10 Meeting** will be moved up a couple months from what we're used to. The District 10 Meeting will happen on **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 2018 from **12:00-3:00**. We will have a light lunch from 12:00-1:00 and start our normal program at 1:00 and go no later that 3:00. We are going to try something a little different this year and the meeting will be at the State Street **Scottish Rite Temple**. Wives, girlfriends, and significant others are invited to attend (please not at the same time). I am requesting **RSVP's** as soon as you possibly can, so I can plan accordingly for food service. Parking, meeting/lunch costs and other details will follow.*

*Please **RSVP** to me, Jesse Petersen, at **360-684-1941** or email me at [mm.whatcom151@gmail.com](mailto:mm.whatcom151@gmail.com).*

Thank you,

Jesse Petersen



### Whatcom Brothers

For those seeking a ride to lodge be advised that Brother Jerry Hill is our Transportation Coordinator and is there to find a ride to Lodge for those that need it.

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## Scottish Rite

### Valley of Bellingham

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, Richard Kovac will be doing his presentation of Robert de Brus at the Bellingham Scottish Rite Hall. All comers, ladies, non-Masons and *older* children are invited to attend. At 6 pm, prior to his presentation we will be having some finger food and maybe a wee nip of Scotch to put us in the right perspective for his 7 pm presentation.

Going to be looking for some **RSVP's** so we can have enough hors d'oeuvres. He may bring a piper with him.

Don Higerson



## NORTHWEST SHRINE CLUB

Although we have not had a club meeting since May – we have been busy. We were in the Blossom Time Parade in June. Bill Barquist had his surrey and Tim Springstead and Gerrit Kuiken had their shriner vehicles. We were also in the parade at Concrete and the Pioneer Day Parade in Ferndale.

In August we had treatment clinic put on by the Portland Hospital. The doctor came to Bellingham to treat the local children that are shriner hospital patients. George Edwards and Greg Cory were present and gave cookies, juice and coffee to the kids and their parents. There will be another clinic in about 6 months.

We start our dinner meetings again on September 4<sup>th</sup> – at the Jeckly/Hyde Restaurant. Zem Zem at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner at 7:00 p.m. We have one new member joining the Shrine Club and his Cold Sands Initiation will be at our dinner meeting in October. All are welcome to attend one of our dinner meeting and bring your spouse, we have wonderful dinner, short program, and a raffle for donated prizes. A good time will be had by all. Contact club president Greg Cory (360)734-7099 or Club Secretary Gerrit Kuiken (360) 354-1677 if you want more information or plan on attending one of our dinner meetings.



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
26	27 Hesperus Commandery No. 8 - 7:30 in lieu of Sept 3rd	28	29	30	31	1
2	3  <i>Labor Day</i>	4 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	5 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	6 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm.	7 BB # 44 - stated Dinner at 6:30 pm. Lodge opens at 7:30pm.	8
9  <i>Rosh Hashanah Begins Grandparents Day</i>	10 Bellingham Coun- cil No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p  F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	11 Bethel # 25  <i>Rosh Hashanah Ends</i>	12 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm  Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	13 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm  Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	14 BB 44 Spl Comm. Dinner at 6:30 pm. Lodge opens at 7:30pm.	15
16	17 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p.	18 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)  <i>Yom Kippur</i>	19 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	20 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	21	22 Bethel #25
23  <i>Fall Equinox</i>	24 F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	25 Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM	26 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	27 L # 56 special meeting 7:00 pm  Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	28	29
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**Widows & Orphans Fund  
for District No. 1**

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

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WB Jesse Petersen - *Vice President*  
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