



# Letters from District No. 10

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April 2011

You're Cordially Invited to Attend

District 5's Honor Night

for

Chelsea Thomas

Page to the Courtesy Officers

&

Linda Phraner

Correspondent to West Virginia

At: Garfield Masonic Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Benton, La Conner WA

Date: April 8, 2011

Dinner is Fettuccini Alfredo, Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread begins at 5:30 with casual reception at 6:30 to follow.

Please **RSVP** by April 3<sup>rd</sup> for the dinner.

Attire is short dress for Ladies and slacks for Gentlemen

RSVP to Wendy Knowlton at (360) 920-4370

or at [swkjer@yahoo.com](mailto:swkjer@yahoo.com)

## Stated Meeting Dates

of the

### District Ten Lodges

Apr 1<sup>st</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7:30 p

Apr 6<sup>th</sup> San Juan Lodge - 7:30

Apr 7<sup>th</sup> Lynden Int. Lodge - 7:30 pm

Apr 11<sup>th</sup> Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 pm

Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm

Apr 13<sup>th</sup> Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm

Apr 21<sup>st</sup> Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

### On Justice:

Justice is rather the activity of truth, than a virtue in itself. Truth tells us what is due to others, and justice renders that due. Injustice is acting a lie.

~ Horace Walpole, 1717 - 1797

## Bellingham Masonic Center

### NOTICE

#### Annual Bond Holders Meeting

On Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the Annual Bellingham Masonic Center Bond Holders Meeting will take place at 7 pm at the Bellingham Masonic Center, 2626 West Maplewood, Bellingham, WA.

The Quarterly Board Meeting will Follow at 7:30 pm

An **RSVP** to John Browne, secretary, would be appreciated.

Phone: 360-599-3481

Email: [jbrowne@telcomplus.net](mailto:jbrowne@telcomplus.net)

**PS:** If you are interested in serving on the Temple Board please advise the secretary, info above. Due to a variety of family concerns I will not be available for re-election at the April meeting. Thanks—John Browne.

## Whatcom Lodge Report

**Stated Meeting** - Our stated meeting was held on March 17<sup>th</sup> with fourteen brothers attending. WM Boyd McEwen noted that the purpose of this stated meeting was to conduct the regular business of the lodge. Lodge was preceded by a very nice St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned-beef and cabbage provided by Bro. Alex Bruner, and cooked by his Mother. It was very tasty!

**Petitions:** The Petition for Plural membership from WB James Hawley was Read and an investigation committee assigned. We should be able to ballot on his petition at our April Stated meeting. We have also received a petition for the Degrees of Masonry and will give this petition its first Reading on 4/21/11.

**Proficiency & Degree:** At our Special Communication on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bro. Ty Myers completed his MM proficiency. Also at this Special Communication Bro. Tony Anton was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Congratulations to both these fine brothers.

**Upcoming Degrees:** Brother Tristan Burgess plans to complete his EAM proficiency early in April, so, we may confer his FC Degree at our April Stated meeting.

**Next meetings**— Our next Special meeting is on April 7<sup>th</sup>, dinner at 5:30 pm. & the next Stated meeting is on April 21<sup>st</sup>, dinner at 5:30 pm & lodge at 6:30.

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

## Notes from Lynden Int. Lodge No. 56

### Scholarships & Educators of the Year awards

Lynden International Lodge brethren gathered at the Ferndale Masonic Center in mid-March to judge scholarship applications from seniors from Meridian and Lynden High schools. Scholarships for \$1000 each will be awarded to the most qualified young man and young woman at Honors Night for each school.

There also was judging for Educators of the Year awards. Nominations from the Meridian and Lynden School Districts were made by the peers of the nominees. \$500 will be awarded to the Educator of the Year in each school district.

### Hands Across the Border dinner and Stated Communication

This is another reminder that the Spring *Hands Across the Border* event for Masons will be held on Thursday, May 5th at the Bellingham Masonic Center. This year we are honoring RWB Bill Cave, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of B.C. & Yukon, and RWB Michael Sanders, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington.

The social period begins at 5:30 PM. Dinner is at 6:00 PM featuring prime rib or salmon prepared by Chef Extraordinaire WB George Edwards. The cost is \$20. The Lodge will be tiled at 7:30 PM.

Reservations may be made by contacting WB Dick Decima at 360-392-0145 or at [rhdecima@aol.com](mailto:rhdecima@aol.com). Please book early as seating will be limited to 100 guests.

Please join us in honoring these two hard-working Masons!

WB Dick Decima ~ Secretary

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*The man who has no inner life  
is the slave of his surroundings.*

~ Henri F. Amiel

The Whatcom Brothers send their wishes for

A Very Happy April Birthday! To Brother's:

David Brown - Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>, C. Elmer Skold - Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>,  
Max Davis - Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>, Calvin Conley - Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>,  
Joel Laufenberg - Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>, Sam Silverman - Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>,  
Ted McQuiston Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>, Larry West - Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>,  
Oussama El-Khoury - Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>, Scott Voss - Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>,  
Ryan Holewinski - Apr. 23<sup>d</sup>, Mike Johnston - Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
and Ralph Graham - Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>

## SCOTTISH RITE:

Scottish Rite Valley of Bellingham will install their new Valley officers at their next stated Meeting on April 6, 2011. The current class is rapidly coming to a close with 3 new Candidates taking their 32nd degree.

Students are currently being interviewed and selecting the new recipients for the Scottish Rite Scholarship Program is underway.

In May of this year the Annual JROTC Awards programs will be recognized by the Scottish Rite Valley of Bellingham for their multiple achievements within their School Programs. The Valley of Bellingham will present Awards to the Burlington JROTC and Oak Harbor JROTC Cadets. Chuck Anway—Secretary

**NWSC** On Tuesday April 5, 2011 we will have our monthly dinner meeting at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli and Ale house 709 W. Orchard Dr. Menu for the evening will be: Stuffed Pork Roast, Au gratin Potatoes, Apple Sauce, Peas, House Salad, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, and Dessert. All for the price of \$17.00 per person. Call Noble Ron Fine for reservations at 360-676-5747 or e-mail at [RonFine2@aol.com](mailto:RonFine2@aol.com).

### DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY MARCH 31, 2011!

Nobles & Ladies, in order to keep our price for dinner at a low rate we must have 40 people attend. At our March meeting there was only 27 people there and yet we had to pay for 40 members, this cost the club over \$300.00 dollars. It won't take too many more times and we will be broke.

Our 1st. VP Claude Weadon brought up about getting a sword team started and of course the Kazoo group are getting their programs ready to present at our club meeting.

Sunshine Committee report: Noble Ted McQuiston is not doing well, he has a open wound on the bottom of his foot that is not healing, Noble Bob Brower still has trouble walking, Noble John Burley has been spending at lot of time at doctors offices ( we know John your just trying to help them out for there retirement LOL). Lady Connie Livermore hasn't been feeling well, Noble Cleo Callen is recovering from broken ribs as is Noble Everett Thompson, Lady Marilyn Gran has been under the weather, & Lady Annette Metzger is recovering from surgery. Please keep these Nobles & Ladies in your prayers. See you all on April 5, 2011.

Yours in Faith,  
Ron Fine, Secretary.

Masonic Leadership Association  
District No. 10

**\*\*Special Private Tour of Mausoleum Planned  
at next MLA meeting\*\***

A record crowd of 40 attended March Masonic Leadership Association meeting March 19th. Rainbow, Jobs Daughters, DeMolay and all of the Lodges in District Ten were in attendance as the Masonic Youth Leaders from the State made presentations. The brothers in attendance all went home with a little more knowledge about our Masonic Youth. A big thank you to Fairhaven Lodge for hosting the meeting.

Time flies when having fun and we all have fun when the moccasins we walk in are well traveled with friends. The Family oriented program for the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting at Friday Harbor will be presented by Sam and Vicki Roberts. This Husband Wife team have been presenters at various organizations including by not limited to the Wardens Conference. Their subject will be "Planning Your Installation" It is never too early to begin planning this annual event. Their individual perspectives provides an insight from both the Brothers as well as the Ladies point of view. We encourage the entire family to make this meeting and free lunch and an excellent opportunity to relax, enjoy and learn.

We will be catching the ferry LEAVING Anacortes at 9:05 AM arriving in Friday Harbor at 10:45AM. After lunch, meeting, presentation and a tour of the Mausoleum at Roche Harbor, we will be LEAVING Friday Harbor on the 2:50 PM ferry arriving in Anacortes 5:00 PM. If you want to stay for the next ferry, it will be leaving at 4:30 PM arriving in Anacortes at 5:35 PM - Non Stop. The passenger walk-on round trip fares are paid in Anacortes.

The cost is:

Youth (age 6-18).....\$ 9.20

Adult (age 19-64).....\$ 11.50

Senior/Disable (age 65 or over).....\$ 5.75

Multi-Ride Commuter Card 10 Rides...\$ 74.75

There is a parking fee at the Anacortes Terminal. Car Pooling is suggested. Plan on being at the Anacortes Ferry Terminal by 8:30AM.

A Special Tour of the Mausoleum is planned. Circle the date, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of April. More information to come.

John Sleeth, President  
Masonic Leadership Association

**MEC - One-day Judging format a Great Success**

Thanks to eighteen hard-working volunteers our first one-day judging for the finalists in our 45th annual Whatcom County Masonic Education Council school award and scholarship program was a huge success. We met over lunch following the MLA meetings at the Maplewood Masonic Hall to plan our "attack" on 131 applications, by forming into 6 judging teams of 3 each, two for the 46 boys and four for the 85 girls (while I entered all the scores into a computer spreadsheet for "crunching"). In a little over three hours the work was done. My heart-felt thanks for go to the following judges:

John Browne, Alex Bruner, Vern Christianson, Charlie Cunningham, Chuck Drew, Dane Glaze, Frank & Bren Juntunen, Rick Kiene, Dave Nelson, Jeff Moisan, Gary Pitcher, Mark Quenneville, Ted Schumann, Winton Smith, Jack Stanley, Blair Thisted, and Everett Thompson.

The reason for judging all applications in one day was to improve consistency and build "Team Spirit." We certainly accomplished both and learned how to do it even better next year. Our MLA leadership also saw the benefit of bringing in more Masons to their monthly meeting. However, we did not actually judge ALL the applications, only those from 8 of the 9 high schools. The ninth school will be judged by the Lynden team in the "old" method. After their work is completed another set of volunteers will then select the school scholarship winners between the top boy and girl and the top scholarship winners overall. If you are interested in this last round of judging, please contact me.

Fraternally,  
Ken Gass, President  
Masonic Education Council of Whatcom County

*All the lessons of history in four sentences.*

Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad with power.

The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small.

The bee fertilizes the flower it robs.

When it is dark enough, you can see the stars.

~ *Charles Beard*

At our next stated meeting for Fairhaven #73 April 12 our SW Dane Glaze will be in the East. This will be his first time there in the East. We would like to have a lot of side liners to support him. We always have super refreshments after wards that our JW Joe Howell supplies.

Thank you,  
WB David Nelson



## Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105

Hello Brethren.

Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105 held their stated meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>, at our Lodge in Nooksack. We tyled at 6:00 PM and went directly to refreshment so we could all enjoy a wonderful repast of Corned Beef and cabbage, prepared by our very own Chef, V. Wo. Bro. Frank Juntunen and his lady Bren. A great meal it was, and our appreciation goes out to all that participated. After dinner we went back to Lodge for our meeting, and even if I say so myself, it was well delivered, ha ha!

After the meeting we went back to our banquet room for dessert with our ladies, as we always do. This time a beautiful cake was made and decorated by Bev Stanley, and it was not long before it was gone. A job well done. Thanks Bev.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we all gathered again at Lodge to set up and prepare for our GIANT RUMMAGE SALE, to be held on March 26<sup>th</sup>, fro 9 AM to 3 PM. Come one, come all for some great deals. This is a fund raiser for Nooksack Valley Lodge and it went very well indeed, thanks to our hard working brothers and their wives.

Our next stated meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup>, where we will receive the DDGM of District 18 in the Province of BC, R. Wo. Bro. Lorne Street, {not an official visit}, who will travel with the Brethren of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 120 in Chilliwack BC, to return the traveling gavel that we share with them. V. Wo. Bro. Charles Cunningham may be able to attend, but has been feeling under the weather lately and that combined with his duties as Deputy to The Grand Master of District 10, may be unable to attend.

On Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Nooksack is planning a FC degree, to be Tyled at 1:00 PM, to confer the FCD on Bro. Gerald Thomas, if proficient in the former degree. Light refreshments to follow. Please attend and support our FCM. Fraternaly Jack Stanley WM. Nooksack Valley Lodge # 105.

WB Jack Stanly

Here is what *Bellingham Bay* has going on.

**Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** – Stated: Open 7:30 to confer a Fellowshipcraft Degree, followed by the shortest of business meetings.

**Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** – Special: Open 7:30, with our WM Chris Lyon paying us a brief visit from the Frozen North (aka AK), anything can happen. Come and find out.

Sec. Ken Gass



## Evergreen Assembly No. 17 - Rainbow Girls

This is on our calendar:

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Spring All County Dance at Whatcom Syre Bldg from 8 - midnight. I need extra Mason's to patrol the parking lot, call the cops if needed, sit by the doors to make sure that no "enters" without paying, but mostly walk the parking lot.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>:** We are planting seeds and plants at the Nooksack Hall and having a Burger Burn afterwards.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>.** We'll be in the Jr. Ski to Sea Parade, hopefully with Jerry Mason's truck.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>.** We are setting flags at Enterprise Cemetery for Memorial Day. There are over 500 graves and it goes quicker with more people.

Thanks,  
Wendy, Mother Advisor, Evergreen Assembly IORG

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### *A Few Thoughts:*

Education, then, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of man - the balance wheel of the social machinery.

~ Horace Mann



Flatter me, and I may not believe you.  
Criticize me, and I may not like you.  
Ignore me, and I may not forgive you.  
Encourage me, and I will not forget you.

~ William Arthur Ward



Rhetoric without logic  
is like a tree with leaves and blossoms,  
but no root;  
yet more are taken with rhetoric than with logic,  
because they are caught with fine expressions  
when they understand not reason.

~ Selden

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

The whole art of teaching, is only the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds  
 for the purpose of satisfying it afterwards.

~ Anatole France, novelist, essayist, Nobel laureate (1844 - 1924)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 (March)	29	30	31	1 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm. April Fools Day	2 Highway Cleanup See Ad below left for details.
3	4 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 - 7:30 F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	5 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 pm	6 SJ # 175 - stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	7 L # 56 stated meeting 7:30 pm W #151 - Spl. Comm - Spl. Guest Speaker. Bro. Buck Compton	8	9
10	11 F # 264 - 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	12 F # 73-stated 7 pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	13 NV # 105 - stated at 6 pm	14 Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.	15 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p. (SRH)  Tax Day	16 MLA hosted by 9:45 am refresh- ments, mtg at 10 am.
17  Palm Sunday	18 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC) Passover begins—sundown	19 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	20 SJ # 175 - Spl. 7:30 p. (FHMC)	21 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	22  Earth Day Good Friday	23 Bethel #25 at 7 pm Evergreen Rainbow Spring Dance 8 pm
24  Easter Sunday Orthodox Easter Sunday	25 F # 264 - Dark	26 F # 73-Spl. 7 pm. Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC) Passover ends—sundown	27 NV # 105 - 7:30	28	29  Arbor Day	30

Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well  
 but the certainty that something makes sense,  
 regardless of how it turns out.

~ Vaclav Havel, 1936 -

**Next Highway Cleanup**

**Masonic Highwaymen:** Your long wait is over! Our 21<sup>st</sup>  
 season of highway litter pick up will begin on Satur-  
 day, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, leaving from the back parking lot of the  
 Maplewood Masonic Hall by 9:00 a.m. Spread the  
 word, not the litter!

Call me for questions or details, newbies are welcome.  
 Photos will be taken of all the smiling Masonic high-  
 waymen, properly clothed and vouched for.

*Ken Gass, Secretary, Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44*

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