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*You are cordially invited  
to attend the annual  
Whatcom Lodge*

*Holiday Awards  
Night Dinner*

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*This event is a special occasion  
to recognize the achievements  
and dedication of our  
brothers, sisters,  
family and friends  
who have labored  
on behalf of our Lodge,  
Community & Masonic Family*

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*There will be entertainment on hand  
for our guests.*

*RSVP form on pages 3/4  
Please RSVP by Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005*

You cannot do a kindness too soon because you  
never know how soon it will be too late.

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## MFLA Report

The November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of MFLA was attended by eight brothers and sisters. The main focus of business was election of next year's officers. John Browne, nominations committee, advised that the committee was unable to find any candidates interested in positions for the next year. Since Verne Christianson was the only person willing to stand for the office of President he was elected again to that office. M. H. Buck Strickland said he would be willing to serve as VP for this next year, he was likewise elected. Nominations were open for the office of Secretary /Treasurer and three calls for nominations produced no takers. President Christianson declared the Office of Sec/Tres vacant.

The next meeting of MFLA will be Sat. January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10 am. hosted by Whatcom Lodge. President Christianson said that Lodges and Chapters need to make their feelings known if MFLA should continue - a decision will be called for at the January 2006 meeting.

## Calendar of Events

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** Evergreen Assembly 17 IORG hosts a Pancake Breakfast. Hours are 7:30 am to noon, at W. Maplewood.

San Juan Lodge #175 Installation of Officers.

**Dec 4<sup>th</sup>** Bethel # 25 meets, 6:30 pm. at (BMC)

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** Valley of Bellingham Scottish Rite holds its annual Christmas Dinner, at the Scottish Rite Hall.

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** Whatcom Lodge holds 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at 7 pm, W. Maplewood.

**Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** Bethel 25 IOJD hosts Holiday Breakfast & Movie, 8;30 am (\$5) at W. Maplewood.

Whatcom Lodge # 151 hosts its annual Holiday & Awards Night dinner. Social hr at 5:30, dinner at 6 pm

**Dec 13<sup>th</sup>** Fairhaven Lodge # 73 stated meeting, 7:30 pm.

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup>** Whatcom Lodge stated meeting dinner at 5:30 pm, lodge at 6:30 pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Degree planned.

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** Bellingham Bay spl. Degrees planned.

**Jan 13<sup>th</sup>** Whatcom Lodge spl. Bunco Night, family fun, begins at 6 pm.

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>** Whatcom Lodge stated meeting dinner at 5:30 pm, lodge at 6:30 pm

**Jan 21<sup>st</sup>** MFLA hosted by Whatcom Lodge, 10 am at W. Maplewood.

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## Masonic Family Organizations in District No. 10

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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
	<p><b>Evergreen Assembly # 17 - Pancake Breakfast</b>                      your donation will contribute to the charitable work of our hard-working Rainbow Girls. Join them on Sat. <b>Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>, 2005; hours are 7:30 am to 12 noon (BMC)</p>	<p><b>Bethel No. 25 Job's Daughter's Holiday Breakfast and Movie (\$5)</b>                      Join them on Sat. <b>Dec. 10<sup>th</sup></b>, 2005; Breakfast begins at 8:30, a fun family Christmas movie to follow (BMC)</p>	<p><b>1</b> Lynden #56 - 7:30 pm                      Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay Opening at 7 p (BMC)</p>	<p><b>2</b> BB # 44-stated 7:30 p (SRH)</p>	<p><b>3</b> San Juan # 175 holds Installation of Officers Evergreen Assembly #17 hosts a pancake breakfast 7:30 am to 12 noon (BMC)</p>	
<p><b>4</b> Bethel #25 IOJD. Council meets at 3 pm. Daughters meet at 6:30 pm.</p>	<p><b>5</b> F-OES #223 Opening at 7:30 p (FMC) Hesperus Commandery No. 8 Bellingham</p>	<p><b>6</b> ML-OES # 58 Opening at 7:30 p (BMC) KI # 186 - 7:30 p (FMC)</p>	<p><b>7</b> Valley of Bellingham Scottish Rite, Christmas Dinner. (SRH) SJ # 175-stated Opening at 7:30 p (FHMC) NV #105 Voc Ed Comm 7 p NIMHA Board meets 7:30 p at the NMC</p>	<p><b>8</b> N-OES # 171 Opening at 7:30 pm (FMC) W 151 holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at 7 pm.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> Bethel 25 Job's Daughters hosts a Holiday breakfast &amp; movie at 8:30 am. (BMC) \$5                       Whatcom 151-special Holiday &amp; Awards Night Dinner. Social hr. 6 pm. dinner at 6:30 pm (BMC)</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> F #264-"Dark" Royal &amp; Select Masters (BMC)</p>	<p><b>13</b> F # 73-stated Opening at 7:30 p (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 Opening at 7 p (FMC)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> W 151-stated meeting Dinner 5:30 pm, lodge at 6:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Degree scheduled (BMC)</p>	<p><b>16</b> Bellingham Bay # 44, special comm. Degrees planned (SRH) 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b> Bethel # 25 a Majority Ceremony at 3 pm; new HQ Installation at 7 pm. (BMC)</p>
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> Royal Arch (BMC) F-OES #223 Opening at 7:30 p (FMC)</p>	<p><b>20</b> KI # 186-stated Opening at 7:30 p (FMC) ML-OES # 58 Opening at 7:30 p (BMC)</p>	<p><b>21</b> NV # 105-stated Opening at 7:30 p (NMC)</p>	<p><b>22</b> N-OES # 171 Opening at 7:30 pm (FMC) L # 56 7:30 p Maplewood TB (BMC)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>                       Christmas Eve</p>
<p><b>25</b>                      Christmas Day</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      Hanukkah</p>	<p><b>27</b> Evergreen RB # 17 Opening at 7 p (FMC)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>

Remember this, that there is a proper dignity and proportion to be observed in the performance of every act of life.

Marcus Aurelius Antoninus. 121– 180 A.D.

Keep me away from the wisdom which does not cry, the philosophy which does not laugh and the greatness which does not bow before children.

Kahlil Gibran

P. 3 Whatcom Lodge  
the Master's Trestle Board

Greetings Brothers,

As the leaves change color and drop, and the holidays come and go, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who has been of great assistance to me the past couple of months as I perform my duties as your Worshipful Master. For those brethren who have made it to lodge, I think we are progressing and many great things are happening in our lodge. For those brothers who have not made it to lodge, we miss you and look forward to seeing you in the near future.

We have been busy as a group with Bro. Sam Hart being passed to a Fellowcraft and soon to be raised as a MM, Mr. Robert Lowe & Mr. Tim Springstead being initiated as an Entered Apprentice Masons. The Petition for affiliation by Bro. Hal Hofherr and for the Degrees of Masonry by Mr. Max Davis were approved at our November stated meeting. It is an exciting time for your lodge.

Up coming events include our annual Holiday & Awards Night dinner on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> (see our Ad) and on Friday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 we will have our Bunko dice game Family Night (6 pm). I am planning on having another friend's night out. This is where we as Masons can bring friends to dinner and socialize as a group.

The big event for this up coming year will be our Lodge's 100 year anniversary. I would like assistance from the brothers in putting on a great event for our Lodge and Community. I have some ideas about a possible historical booklet about the history of our lodge. Do you have any ideas for this project?

Please let me know any ideas, events or activities you would like to see the lodge do.

We must do a better job of reaching out to our fellow brothers who can't make it to lodge. I will be talking more about this in the future, but if you have suggestions on ways to reach out, pass them on to me.

Also remember my theme for this year is: Do not ask what your lodge can do for you but what you can do for your lodge!

If you have any ideas or needs, I am looking forward to hearing from you. Most importantly I am looking forward to see you at lodge.

WM Mike Johnston

We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark. The real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light. *Plato*

**Geometric Bull**

"Old Tiler Talks,"  
by Carl Claudy

"There are a lot of things in Masonry," began the New Brother to the Old Tiler.

"Bravo!" cried the Old Tiler, sarcastically. "Who told you all that?"

"And some of them," continued the New Brother, "are more or less bull. I yield to no one in my love for the order, but I see its faults. And when I am expected to learn the science of geometry as a part of Masonry I know I am being bullied. There is no more sense to including geometry in the second degree than there would be including paleontology or..."

"I love to hear a man say he can see the faults of Masonry," interrupted the Old Tiler, "because then I am in the presence of a master mind. Generations of philosophers have made Masonry what it is. When a new brother can plainly see its faults he is greater than all of these."

"Of course I did not mean it that way. I just meant that I, er, you know..."

"Do I? Well, then I suppose I'd better not mince words about it. To say there is no sense to geometry in the second degree is to advertise the fact that you know nothing and care less for the symbolism of the order. Take from Masonry its symbolism and all you have left is a central thought with no means of expression. Imagine a great musician, deaf, blind, and paralyzed, his heart ringing with wonderful melodies and harmonies, yet unable to give them expression, and you have a mental picture of Masonry without symbolism. Symbolism is Masonry's means of expressing thought, and geometry, in the second degree, is not an arithmetical study, but a symbol.

"Geometry was an outgrowth of the first science. The first glimpse brute man had there was aught in nature but haphazard chance or the capricious doing of a superior overlord was when he learned the stupendous fact that two and two always make four.

"From that humble beginning and recognition of the master law of the universe-which is, that law is universal, unchanging, and invariable-grew the study of things; their surfaces, their areas, their angles, their motions, their positions. Modern methods have gone farther than Euclid, but his work was perfectly done and Euclid's geometry stands today as a perfect thing, as far as he took it.

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Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005

"Geometry is the science of order. Reaching back to the first recognition that there was order in the world, it may stand for anyone who has eyes to see, as it does stand in Masonry, for man's recognition of God in the universe. It is a symbol of universality. By geometry we know that natural law on earth is nature's law for the stars. There have been few atheists in the world, but I venture to say that none of them have been geometers or astronomers. They know too much to deny the existence of the Great Geometer when seeing His work.

"Geometry is everywhere. It is in the snowflake's measured lines of crystallization. There is geometry of the honeycomb and a geometry of the cone of a fir tree. Mountains stand or fall as they obey or disobey the laws of geometry and the spider in her web and the planets in their orbits alike work according to the universal laws of geometry.

"I think God's thoughts after Him," said the great astronomer Kepler, looking through his telescope and thinking of the geometry of the skies.

"If we know two angles and one dimension, we can find the other dimension. Man has angles and dimensions; and if we know enough of them we can find the rest. One of a man's angles is his love of Masonry. Given a real love of Masonry as one angle, a willingness to live her precepts as the other and we can tell what sort of a man he is now, used to be, and will be in the future.

"It is a real geometry the second degree commends to you, my brother, because it is a symbol of law and order, of Deity, of universality. But it is spiritual geometry which you should study rather than the propositions of Euclid, bearing in mind that they are symbols of that which Masonry most venerates, most wisely teaches, and most greatly loves.

"Our ancient brother Pythagoras discovered the wonderful demonstration of the Great Architect which is the forty-seventh problem of Euclid. And so when I hear a young squirt of a Mason, with his eyes barely opened to the long path which is Masonry winding through the stars to God, say that the geometry in the second degree is bull, I wish I were young enough to take him out in the back lot and treat him as I would a small boy who found humor in church and fun in sacred things, and..."

"Oh, stop!" cried the New Brother. "I was wrong. I didn't understand. Say, where can I get a geometry book? I want to know more about that forty-seventh problem."

"In the reading room," growled the Old tiler. "And, say, son, when you get it in your head, come back here and explain it all over again to me, will you?"



### KING S QUOTE'S

Enjoy the little things,  
for one day  
you may look back  
and realize they were  
the big things.

*Robert Brault*

The legitimate powers of government extend to such acts only as are injurious to others. But it does me no injury for my neighbor to say there are twenty gods or no god. It neither picks my pocket, nor breaks my leg.

*Thomas Jefferson, 1743 – 1826*

A mind that is conscious of its integrity scorns to say more than it means to perform."

*Bro. Robert Burns*

Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward the wicked, help for the weak, trust in the strong, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another, and reverence for God.

*Author unknown*

Please cut (✂) along line and return, thank you!

To help us better serve our guests  
please RSVP by  
**December 5<sup>th</sup>**, 2005 with the  
following information:

Will you be able to attend?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how many will be in your party \_\_\_\_\_?

For our meat course you have the choice of:

Prime Rib, # of plates \_\_\_\_\_

Or

Salmon, # of plates \_\_\_\_\_

Names of attendees:

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Thank you, your information is of great assistance to our preparations.

We truly hope you can join us for this festive occasion.

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