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December 2006

Lynden Lodge to host Family Holiday Dinner

What is hoped to be an annual event, Lynden Lodge invites **all** to attend its family holiday dinner, to be held on **December 16th, 2006**. This family event will be held at the Ferndale Masonic Hall beginning at **6 PM**. With an Italian theme, there will be plenty of food for all who attend.

It is rumored that a special quest will be arriving early to meet youngsters from both-ends of the age spectrum. An entertaining program is planned. Cost for the event is \$10 for adults, \$5 for school-age and FREE for pre-school children.

Stated Meeting Dates of the

District Ten Lodges

- Dec 1st Bellingham Bay stated - 7:30
- Dec 6th San Juan Lodge stated - 7:30 p
- Dec 7th Lynden Lodge stated - 7:30 p
- Dec 11th Ferndale Lodge stated - 7:30 p
- Dec 12th Fairhaven Lodge stated - 7:30
- Dec 13th Nooksack Valley Lodge stated - 7:30 pm.
- Dec 19th Kulshan Int. Lodge stated - 7:30 pm.
- Dec 21st Whatcom Lodge stated - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

MASONIC SUNDAY!

ALL MASONS & FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO

A FESTIVAL OF ORGAN MUSIC

Presented by the

Mt Baker Theater Organ Society

Date: January 28th, 2007 **Time:** 2 PM to 4:30 PM

The Mt. Baker Organ Society gave VWB Russell V. Gran a fabulous 95th Birthday present, use of the Mt. Baker Theater. Brother Gran could think of no better way to enjoy his 95th birthday than to organize a Festival of Organ Music. There will be a number of Past Grand Organists to perform for your entertainment. Admission, for adults 18 and older is by donation, folks 17 and under get in Free!

50% of the admission donation will go to this year's Grand Lodge Charities.

If you come a little early you'll be treated to a musical prelude by the outstanding Accordionist Karl Peterson. After the organ festival, attendees are invited to mingle and enjoy refreshments.

This will be a REALLY BIG SHOW. So don't miss it!!

For more information you may contact VWB Russell V. Gran at (360) 733-7182 or by email at: russmar1912@comcast.net

Say, if you think it's too far to come north, well you might consider getting a group together and charter a 48 passenger bus and make a fun day of adventure and music.

Due and Timely Notice

Brothers, for those who have not yet sent theirs in, **Blue Lodge Dues** are due by Dec. 31st, 2006. Please be good to your lodge secretary, he needs to get the dues collected and none of us like to nag our brothers.

John Browne

Secretary/Treasurer - Whatcom Lodge 151



KING'S QUOTE'S

Youth is a gift
of nature,
but age is a
work of art.

Garson Kanin

Lynden Lodge on the move

Worshipful Master Decima will sound the gavel on December 7th for his first stated meeting as Master of Lynden Lodge. A few surprises are planned. Come and see.

Lynden will be visiting Nooksack Valley Lodge on the 13th of December. It is planned to visit each lodge as a delegation from Lynden Lodge.

The first, of what is hoped to be an annual tradition, will be the Family Holiday Dinner, taking place at the Ferndale Masonic Hall on December 16th. Dinner will begin at 6 pm. It is rumored that a special guest from the North Pole will drop in. We need a count if you are planning to attend. Remember, this event is open to anyone, young and older at heart.

At our special meeting on December 21st, a special program is planned. This meeting will begin at 7pm.

If you are around the Rusty Wagon (North Hannegan and Pole Roads), plan on stopping in at 12 noon.

Lynden Lodge calendar for December 2006

Dec. 7 th	Masons Lunch – Rusty Wagon On Hanegan Road north of the Pole Road	12 Noon
Dec. 7 th	Stated Meeting *	7:30 PM
Dec. 13 th	Lynden Lodge to visit NV Lodge	7:30 PM
Dec. 14 th	Masons Lunch – Rusty Wagon On Hanegan Road north of the Pole Road	12 Noon
Dec. 16 th	Holiday Family and Friends DINNER *6 PM	

*All meetings are at the Ferndale Masonic Hall unless otherwise noted.

Bellingham Bay Lodge 44

Celebrated its Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
November 17, 2006

Under the able direction of Bro. Russ Weston, Bellingham Bay Lodge enjoyed its annual Thanksgiving Dinner, on Friday, November 17. The meal was enjoyed by over 40 people. There was plenty of Turkey, Mashed Potato – the real thing, Green Beans, Sweet Potato, Green Salad, rolls, served with Coffee, Ice water and Dessert of either Apple Pie – ala mode or Pumpkin Pie. This annual event has been tradition with the Lodge for more than a generation. Special guests were Mrs. Marvin Gwinner and her family. Many of you remember VWB Marvin Gwinner, in whose honor our annual recognition for dedication, ritual work and Masonry as a whole is given to each year.

Fraternally yours, Rick Kiene, PM

Ferndale Lodge No. 264

I find it hard to believe that Thanksgiving 2006 will soon be History and Christmas is right on its heels! Where did this year go? Is it possible that Global Warming has effected the length of our years too?

Ferndale Lodge has had a good year membership wise. We have through Degree Petitions, Plural Membership, Dual Membership and Affiliation enrolled six new members this year. We also have two gentlemen who have indicated an interest in becoming Masons. We shall see. On a sad note, we lost two of our Past Masters, WB Jack Harwager in June and WB Arvel Pearson in October. We also were informed of the sudden death of Rob Shymon last week. Until recently, he had been a Dual Member of our lodge. All will all be sorely missed

Our Labors for 2006 will conclude with the Exchange of Emblems with Progress #87 from Vancouver, B.C. This will take place beginning at 7:30 on November 27th at our Special for November. We will then be dark for December and January resuming Labor with our February 12th Stated Meeting.

Everett Thompson,
Secretary, Ferndale #264

Our Special Event Masonic Awareness Presenter

Brother, Chris Lyon of Bellingham Bay Lodge 44, has quietly and efficiently brought the Masonic Fraternity out to the Scottish Highland Games at Hovander Park each of the last 3 years. Taking his canopy and Masonic information to share at these events has been his passion and joy. Chris also took his traveling booth to the Skagit County Highland Games and to the Island County Scottish Games in Oak Harbor during these last few years. But due to his employment change to Alaska, he now enjoys Masonic ties both here in Washington and during a stint of work in Kansas where he met brothers there as well, but now in Alaska he only waits for that time when he returns to Bellingham, about every 5-6 weeks for a visit with his family, which are living here while his work keeps him north. Bellingham Bay honored Chris for his dedicated work to the craft in June 2006 with a plaque for his tireless vigil for our fraternity, for he didn't just represent 44 he also represented District 10 at these Scottish Highland Games. Congratulations Chris, and keep in touch!

Fraternally yours,
Rick Kiene, PM Bellingham Bay 44

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

The following is the Master's Calendar for December and plans for January.

Friday December 1st – Stated meeting at 7:30 with guest speaker being the Grand Orator. I have asked the Grand Orator to give us a description of his duties and of the rituals he has participated in. For those of you who have never been to a cornerstone or lodge constitution ceremony this should be of particular interest. (Let's hope the snow will subside so he can make the journey from Maple Falls).

Prior to meeting no host dinner at Speak Ez's restaurant at 5:45. RSVP to Gary Pitcher by November 29th if you want to attend.

Saturday the 2nd – San Juan Installation in Friday Harbor. Leave Scottish Rite Temple at 7:45 AM to catch the 9:35 AM ferry. Return on the 6:45 PM ferry.

Thursday the 7th – Attend Chuckanut DeMolay meeting at 2626 West Maplewood. Meet at 7 PM.

Tuesday the 12th – Attend Fairhaven Lodge 2626 West Maplewood at 7:30 PM.

Friday the 15th – *Special Communication*. Lodge to open at 7:00 PM for the purpose of conferring two Entered Apprentice degrees. NOTE SPECIAL STARTING TIME. No meal before lodge.

Saturday the 16th – Lynden Lodge Annual Family Holiday Dinner for all county lodges at Ferndale Hall at 6 PM. Italian theme. Adults \$10, school age \$5, and pre-school free. Contact the Lynden WM Richard Decima at 392-0145 to reserve a ticket.

Monday the 25th – Have a happy holiday.

Saturday the 30th – Attend the Jobs Daughter's installation at 2626 West Maplewood at 12:30 PM.

January Schedule

Friday the 5th – **Stated meeting** at 7:30 PM. Preceded by no-host dinner. Program to be set.

Wednesday the 10th – Attend Nooksack Valley Lodge at 7:30 PM. Leave Scottish Rite Hall at 6:45 PM.

Friday the 19th – **Special Communication** at 7:30 for the purpose of conferring a Master Mason Degree.

Saturday the 20th – Monthly MFLA meeting at 10:00 AM at 2626 West Maplewood.

WM Gary Pitcher



NW Shrine Club

Nobles & Ladies! Brought back by popular demand on Tuesday December 5, 2006 at "OUR HOUSE DELI" London Broil/ Mushroom Gravy, Baked Potatoes/w fixings, Veggies, Spinach Salad by Stephanie, Rolls, Coffee & Dessert. Call Noble Ron Fine for reservations at 360-676-5747 or E-mail me at RonFine2@aol.com. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2006.** Zem Zem @6:00 p.m, Dinner @ 7:00 p.m, Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

The result from our elections for new officers are: President Noble Al Tomko, 1st Vice President Noble John Shorthill, 2nd Vice President Noble Travis Rohrer, Treasurer Noble Al Jensen, Secretary Noble Ron Fine and the 2 new Board Members are Nobles Chuck Nelson & Bill Barquist. The Installation of Officers will be Friday January 26, 2007 at the Bellingham Masonic Center 2626 W. Maplewood Ave.

This has been a good year for the Northwest Shrine Club, by having 5 new Shrine members going through the Cold Sands and 3 members who joined from other Shrine Centers. Remember Dues Notices have gone out, so please send your dues in.

On behalf of the Northwest Shrine Club, myself and Lady Sharon "WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS" See you all on December 5, 2006 for our Christmas meal.

Yours in Faith
Ron Fine,
Secretary NWSC

Four Seasons fill the measure of the year;
There are four seasons in the mind of man:
He has his lusty Spring, when fancy clear
Takes in all beauty with an easy span:
He has his Summer, when luxuriously
Spring's honied cud of youthful thought he loves
To ruminat, and by such dreaming high
Is nearest unto heaven: quiet coves
His soul has in its Autumn, when his wings
He furleth close; contented so to look
On mists in idleness □ to let fair things
Pass by unheeded as a threshold brook.
He has his Winter too of pale misfeature,
Or else he would forego his mortal nature.

~ John Keats

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
					1 BB # 44 stated 7:30 p	2
3 <i>Advent begins</i>	4 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 at din 6:30, meet 7:30 p. (BMC) F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	5 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	6 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC) W 151 - Spl Com 6:30 p <i>Feast Day of St. Nicholas</i>	7 L # 56 stated 7:30 p Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7 p. (BMC)	8	9
10	11 F #264-stated 7:30 p. (FMC). Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM at (BMC) din 6:30, meet 7:30 p.	12 F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	13 NV # 105 stated 7:30 p. (NMC)	14 Bethel # 25 JD, 7 p. (BMC)	15 BB 44 EA De- gree, 7 PM <i>Hanukkah begins at sundown</i>	16 MFLA - 10 a Chuckanut Chap- ter DeMolay 7 p. (BMC) L 56—Holiday Dinner
17	18 Bellingham Chapter Royal Arch (BMC) din 6:30, meet 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	19 KI # 186-stated 7:30 p. ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	20	21 W 151-stated dinner 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm	22 <i>Winter Solstice</i>	23
24/31 Christmas Eve <i>New Year's Eve-31st</i>	25 Christmas Day	26 Evergreen RB # 17, 7 p. (FMC) Fairhaven #73 Spl. 7:30 p.	27	28 Maplewood TB 7:30 p. (BMC)	29	30 Bethel 25 Installation of HQ

Newsletter Ads

There have been several inquiries, from local Masons, regarding the Ads which have occasionally appeared in this newsletter. Several Masons have expressed interest in putting on-going professional Ads in this newsletter to inform the readership of their services. So, beginning with the January 2007 issue we will accept both Professional and Want-Ad type advertising. The consensus at Whatcom Lodge is to keep the cost to Masonic Family members low, thus I have set the cost at a very modest level.

If you want to post a one-time Ad, the size of a business card, the fee will be \$15. If you'd like to run an Ad in all the year's issues (11, possibly 12 issues per year), the yearly rate is \$125.

Some General information....

Whatcom Lodge mails out about 45 printed copies of this letter to its brethren

who do not have or use email. This letter is electronically sent to the Mason Ten, Mason Nine and Eastern Washington Masons email loop members. As Editor of the Letters from District Ten I have a few main concerns: **1.** that all members of the Masonic Family within our area (Whatcom and San Juan Island Counties) can promote their meetings and activities—FREE; **2.** that all articles, poems, stories and humor relate directly to Masonic organizations or are reflective of Masonic Family values; **3.** and that the newsletter file size stays small enough so that folks, like myself, who send and receive via dial-up, can download the newsletter in a reasonable amount of time. For this reason you'll not see many photos in the newsletter.

This is a new feature for the newsletter and I'll try to meet your needs, so feel free to make inquiries.

Editor - John Browne



The words that a father speaks to his children in the privacy of home are not heard by the world, but, as in whispering galleries, they are clearly heard at the end, and by posterity.

~ Jean Paul Richter

To contribute to this newsletter please send your letter, comment, historical fact, poem or calendar announcement, by the 2nd Monday of each month, to:

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