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The Master's Trestle-board

The first words that spring into my mind, as I begin this third time as Master of Whatcom Lodge are, "Thank You." I never expected the warm feeling in our lodge room to have such an impact upon me and our lodge. While I recognize that it was a major step from tradition, to install only the master in a public ceremony, I believe the change was worth the risk.

I was truly touched to have so many of you present at my installation; again, my thanks. Perhaps a greater honor for me was to share the evening with those brothers who were indeed the stars of the night. When I realized that we have brothers, who have served Whatcom Lodge and its membership for over six decades, I found myself in awe. There was WB ED McAllister, who made the journey from Idaho to be present to receive his 55 year pin. WB Bernard Dow who received his recognition from his granddaughter Melanie. Finally we had the Baileys, who rightfully stole the show. I was even able to meet, for the first time, several brothers who'd been members of Whatcom lodge for many years. It was humbling to stand next to these brothers, knowing what they have done for their country, their cities and most important for their families. Congratulations to all those who received recognition for their commitment to Whatcom Lodge and Masonry. To quote the Grand Secretary "It is a great day to be a Mason."

Enough reflecting, I want to call your attention to two items, which I hope this lodge will continue to address. Over the last three months Whatcom Lodge has undertaken a project to recognize an educator, not as the best educator but as one making a difference and worthy of attention. We've often heard it said the countries' future is in today's students. If that is indeed the truth then it would also be fair to say that the future is in the hands, to some great degree, of our teachers. Our teachers spend as much, or sadly in some cases, more time with our youth than even their own families. Often teachers have the ability to impact students, not just for a quarter or

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A very Happy New Year everyone!

Whatcom Lodge educator of the quarter:

This quarter's educator is described by Steve Clark, principle of Bellingham High, this way. " She has a unique ability to help students to an amazing level of talent. Her heart for music, dedication to students and her talent continually produces music students who receive some of the highest honors across the state." One of her students told us "she is an excellent teacher and a wonderful person, who is always willing to help students with anything and at any time."

Our educator, has been at her craft for over 20 years. She is a graduate of BHS, continued her education receiving a BS degree and then a Masters in Music from Western Washington University. When you hear about the schedule this teacher keeps, it is down right humbling. She has groups of students meeting almost daily at 6:30AM and she often extends her days with other students, sometimes until 8:30PM. Additionally she is a very committed member of the Bellingham Alumni Band, including as the band's director.



It is a great pleasure to introduce, a talented teacher with a heart for her subject and commitment to her students, Ms Linda Short. We are proud to recognize her as our educator for the first quarter of 2004.

Ms Short we thank you for the work you do and especially for being a positive influence on so many students.

A grace for January

For each new morning
with its lights,
For rest and shelter
of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything
Thy goodness sends.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Calendar of Events

Jan 15th is our Stated Communication, lodge opens at 6:30 PM. We will be installing our remaining officers and MWB John D. McNab will be on hand to install John Browne as the DDGM for District Ten.

Jan 17th MFLA meeting this month hosted by Whatcom Lodge at the W. Maplewood Hall, 10 AM.

Feb 2nd No special on this date but rather we will join with Bellingham Bay Lodge on Sat. Feb.7th for a Sweethearts Ball at the Sapphire Cove, hospitality hour will begin about 6 PM.

Feb 19th is our stated meeting - 6:30 PM.

Whatcom Brother to become New District Ten Deputy

VWB Phil Wade is taking a once-in-a-lifetime job opportunity in Arizona. Phil Made a recommendation to MWB John D. McNab, who concurred, and so it came to be that Whatcom brother John Browne was asked to assume the remainder of this year's duties as the DDGM in District Ten. WB John has accepted and will be installed at this Thursday's stated meeting, 1/15/2004. What had been conceived of as a low-key installation will now be a little more high-profile; but that's OK, come join us on this festive occasion.

New Life Member!

Brother Ted V. McQuiston is the newest Life Member of Whatcom Lodge. Ted joined the Masonic fraternity in Pennsylvania, North East Lodge No. 399, in 1985. He was elected a member of Whatcom Lodge on March 21, 2002. Brother Ted has been the lodge Chaplain and is about to serve his second term as the Tyler. Congratulations and Thanks Bro. McQuiston!

If you are interested in purchasing a life membership the cost is determined by age. The WA. Masonic Code, Sec. 17.12.B.L. 3-A, sets the age/cost scale as the following:

- age 18 to 35, inclusive \$450
- age 36 to 45, inclusive \$400
- age 46 to 55, inclusive \$300
- age 56 to 65, inclusive \$250
- age 66 and over \$200

This scale-set is a minimum, lodges may set higher costs. Whatcom Lodge uses the above minimum scale. For more information, please contact the lodge secretary.



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BIRTHDAYS

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THE MORE YOU HAVE,
THE LONGER YOU LIVE!!

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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Longevity Pin Awards

Handing out awards is truly one of the pleasures we lodge officers have and none is more satisfying than the giving out of longevity pins. This was a banner year for these awards. For the past several years we've tried to make these awards at either a Past Master's Night or, more recently, at our Holiday Dinner; as we have done for two years running.

Since not everyone was able to attend the Holiday Dinner on 12/18/2003, I am presenting the names of the brothers who will or have received a longevity pin for 2003.

25 Year Pins

Steven E. Means
Robert W. Bailey

50 Year Pins

Carl Andreas
Thomas W. Evans
Roy H. McDonald
Robert W. Mathes
Stewart Van Wingerden

55 Year Pins

Ted L. King PM
Milton C. Newport
George T. Swan Jr.
Shelden W. Wilkins
William T. Follis Jr.
Edward P. McAllister PM

60 Year Pins

Raymond B. Bailey
Bernard L. Dow PM

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a year, but for the rest of their lives. I submit that each of you could think for just a moment and recall a teacher who had an impact upon you. So why not, as an organization that is committed to the support of schools, recognize just a few of those teachers? In that vein, this past September, Whatcom Lodge sought out and recognized Heidi Mozelewski, a fifth grade teacher in Bellingham as our educator for the fourth quarter of 2003. This month, January, we have taken the opportunity to recognize Linda Short, a music teacher at Bellingham High School. As a lodge I hope we can continue to select at least one teacher each quarter to bring a little attention to their work and a little recognition for them. This is not intended to advance one educator over another, but rather, we intend in some small way to give our collective thanks to a professional who is working for the good of our community. So please, if you have a suggestion for a teacher our lodge should consider for recognition, let me know.

The second item I want promote is fun, for any adventure to be worth having it should be fun. In looking over the history of Whatcom Lodge, there were annual events that were held just for the fun of it and I hope we can recreate, to some extent that same history of fun. So I approached the Master of Bellingham Bay and asked if his lodge would be interested in having some fun and he agreed and approached the Master of Fairhaven lodge and asked the same and he agreed. Thus us all agreed to cosponsor the SWEETHEARTS BALL, this will be held at the Sapphire Cove, the old Yacht Club on Saturday, February 7th, a no host hospitality will begin around 6:00PM, with a wonderful dinner to follow. There will be music, and some special competitions to keep the evening moving. This shall be a great night to dust off your fancies and enjoy a fun evening with one another. We expect to keep the cost around \$20.00 per person. Please mark your calendars and reserve this night. Also, this dinner is open to all Masons and their Guests. One more thing, this event is a fine opportunity to introduce your friends to your brothers.

In light of the Sweethearts Ball there will be no special communication in February but the stated meeting will be our traditional Past Masters night and I am looking for a PM to head up that evening.

Thank you my brethren for the opportunity to serve again as WM and I hope that I'll see each of you in lodge this year. By the way, I always have room in my vehicle if you'd like a ride, one should ever have to come to lodge alone. My phone is 671-8218.

Sincerely, WM Glenn W. Hutchings

