



# Letters from District No. 10

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## Master's Trestleboard of Whatcom Lodge

Greetings Brothers, as I sit and bask in the warmth and glow of last evening's Christmas party, I reflect on the past year. I think our lodge is healthy and growing and next year holds many good things. I believe that as we seek more illumination in Masonry we are being blessed with an abundance of light shining on our fraternity. I am a 'babe in the woods' in my education of Masonry but I am fortunate to have many brothers with more knowledge and who can gently give me direction.

If you were unable to attend the Christmas party, we hope you'll come next year. You missed a fun time and great food. VWB Glenn Hutchings, past master of the lodge, did a superb job acknowledging our honored guests. He also made some worthy recognitions by bestowing the Ted King Inspirational Award to brothers Buck Strickland and Ted McQuiston. Both of these men are richly deserving of this award.

JW Jonathan Ashley put forward the idea of the lodge sponsoring some young men and women, who are wards of the State, for Christmas. We raised \$696.00 in the desert auction to help those young people who are less fortunate than us. A big thanks goes out the ladies of Evergreen Rainbow Assembly #17 for donating \$500.00 to this worthy program; a brother also donated \$104, for a total of \$1300.

Bro. Ashley delivered the gifts on 12/21/05. See brothers, it is all about giving and helping one another out. I do not know about you but it makes me proud to be amongst all of you.

I hope you and your family are blessed during the holidays and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Come to lodge and get in on the fun and excitement.

WM Mike Johnston

## *Its time to cheer for another very Happy New Year!*

### Bellingham Bay to install officers for 2006

You are cordially invited to the Open Installation of Bellingham Bay's Officers for 2006. Lodge will open at 7:30 pm. An open installation will begin at 8:00 pm. Light refreshments will follow.

Officers-elect for 2006 are:

Worshipful Master: Gary Pitcher ~ Senior Warden: Chris Lyon  
Junior Warden: Greg Cory ~ Treasurer/Secretary: Ken Gass

### MFLA:

#### Letter from the President

Brothers and Sisters :

I am writing this letter to inform and ask about MFLA (Masonic Family Leadership Association). At this time we have very few members attending our meetings and at the last meeting I had to declare the position of Secretary-Treasurer vacant because no one would fill it. Our money situation is fine at this time and our books are up to date.

The real reason that I am writing this letter is to find out if the Masonic bodies wish to continue MFLA as we do not have a very large attendance for our meetings and we do not have people who want to fill the offices. I am willing to keep on doing what I have been doing, but I need a Secretary-Treasurer to help me or some else to take over as President and I will do Secretary-Treasurer.

If you want to keep MFLA what would you like to see us do, I am open to suggestions. I am sending this to all lodges and concordant bodies to get input from your organizations. Please contact me by any of the following means:

e-mail [verne.christianson@wwu.edu](mailto:verne.christianson@wwu.edu)

Phone: 360-738-4889,

Letter: 605 W. Horton Way #103  
Bellingham WA. 98226

Vern Christianson  
President MFLA

Next meeting: Sat. January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006

### Calendar

of Events



### Sweethearts Dinner

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### District Ten Meeting

2/11/2006

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** Bellingham Bay 44 stated meeting - lodge at 7:30 pm. An *Open Installation of Officers* begins at 8 pm.

**Jan 13<sup>th</sup>** Join Whatcom Lodge for Bunco Night, a fun dice game, and a Potluck Dinner. Starts at 6 pm at W. Maplewood. Whatcom Lodge will provide the meat dish, you bring casserole, salad or dessert.

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

**Jan 21<sup>st</sup>** MFLA, hosted by Whatcom Lodge 151 at W. Maplewood. 10 am.

**Feb 11<sup>th</sup>** District Ten Meeting & Sweethearts Dinner at the Bellingham Masonic Center on W. Maplewood. Social hour 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm. **\$12**

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

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Maple Falls, WA. 98266  
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# Happy New Year to All!

From the  
**Rainbow Girls** of  
Evergreen Assembly #17

*The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read the message straight through, and you'll get the point.*

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor & actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies.

Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

*Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:*

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?

*The lesson.* The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care!

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia." (Charles Schultz)

## Deputy of the Grand Master Announces District Meeting

To: Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington  
From: Glenn Hutchings, Deputy of the Grand Master in District 10

The brethren of District 10, along with their ladies and guests, will celebrate another fine year in Masonry at the annual District 10 meeting. The District meeting will be on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 2626 W. Maplewood in Bellingham, at 6pm with dinner served at 7pm.

The meeting will also serve as the third annual sweethearts dinner, again this year hosted by Bellingham Bay #44 and Whatcom #151.

The format will be a social hour at 6pm followed by a catered dinner which will be served by Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay. Following dinner a recognition program will take place. Semi Formal attire is suggested.

The price for the event will be **\$12.00** per person and as a head count will be needed **RSVP's are needed by Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006.** Please RSVP to Glenn Hutchings at:

360 671 8218, e-mail [ghutch103@aol.com](mailto:ghutch103@aol.com).



## Scottish Rite: *Masons we have invitation for YOU!*

from the Valley of Bellingham

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of December we enjoyed an elegant meal in celebration of the holidays and to honor our sixteen, fifty-year members. What an exciting evening. It just goes to show that if you belong to the Scottish Rite you live longer. Well maybe that is a stretch, but, one thing is sure, as a Scottish Rite Mason you do learn what Masonry is all about.

Now here's the deal. On January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 we will be starting a new class with the 4<sup>th</sup> thru the 14<sup>th</sup> degrees. We have room for a few more in the class and would enjoy enrolling you in the college of Masonry, The Scottish Rite. It really is easy, no memory work, just sit back and enjoy the teachings.

**Now here is all you have to do!** Join us at the Scottish Rite Hall at 6:15 P.M. on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, have a great dinner on us, fill out a petition and we can vote on it that evening. Then, if the voting goes well, you can start your journey through the degrees of the Scottish Rite on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 A.M. Lunch will be provided and by early in the afternoon you will be through the 14<sup>th</sup> degree and be a member of the Lodge of Perfection.

So, go to your calendar and mark that date right now, no that's ok, I'll wait, do it now so you don't forget. We wouldn't want you to miss out. We truly look forward to seeing YOU there and look forward to bringing you the lessons of the Scottish Rite. See you there!

Don Higginson 32° KCCH

General Secretary, Valley of Bellingham

Brother Hal Hofherr of Whatcom Lodge No. 151  
announces the relocation of his law office to:

333 Calluna Court, Suite 204, Bellingham, WA 98226  
phone: 360-756-1506

*He emphasizes the law of business and living trusts.*

## The **Royal Arch** Report

Bellingham Bay Chapter 12 Royal Arch Masons will be hosting another Masonic Information Night on Monday, 16 January 2006.

Dinner is at 6:30, the meeting opens at 7:30 and the program will start shortly thereafter.

ALL are welcome, learn about the histories of Freemasonry and the Royal Arch and it's importance in understanding the Hiramic Legend.

Applications are being taken for a new class to begin soon.

Thom Baughn  
Secretary



### Say, have you paid your Dues Yet??

On behalf of Masonic Organization secretaries everywhere I remind those, who may have forgotten, it's a near past-time to send in your dues, but they'll probably be accepted anyway, if you get in touch with your secretary ASAP. Annual dues payments are often a pain to remember, so, some brothers and sisters have become Life Members of their organizations. To learn more contact the secretary of the organization of which you'd like to become a Life Member.



## Northwest Shrine Club News

Happy New Year Nobles & Ladies. The Northwest Shrine Club is celebrating it's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month. On Friday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006, we will have our Installation of officers and celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year as a club, at the Bellingham Masonic Hall 2626 West Maplewood Ave. Attire for the evening will be tux or dark suits for the officers.

The dinner will be catered by Our House Deli, and served by the young ladies from Evergreen Rainbow Assembly # 17.

Menu is as follows: Prime Rib (10oz) or Lemon Herb Salmon, Stuffed Potatoes, Vegetables, Caesar Salad, Rolls, Coffee and a Special Dessert. All for the cost of \$25.00 per person. **Reservations are a must.** Call Noble Ron Fine at 360-676-5747 or E-mail me at [RonFine2@aol.com](mailto:RonFine2@aol.com). **Deadline for RSVP's is Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006.**

We would like to thank Noble Don Higginson for his wonderful graphic design of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lapel pin. THANK YOU NOBLE DON! Each member of the NWSC will receive a pin free. All others will cost \$5.00 each. Noble Don Higginson will be leaving us shortly, moving to Big Stone, South Dakota. We all wish you well in your new venture. So, be sure to come on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Installation of Officers.

Ron Fine, Secretary NWSC

**Bethel No. 25 Job's Daughters send greetings to all Masonic family members and wishes each and everyone a joyous and prosperous New Year. Thank you so much for your generous support!**

### "Are You a Mason?"

I am one of a band,  
Who will faithfully stand,  
In the bonds of affection and love;  
I have knocked at the door,  
once wretched and poor,  
And there for admission I stood.

By the help of a friend,  
Who assistance did lend,  
I succeeded an entrance to gain;  
Was received in the West,  
By command from the East,  
But not without feeling some pain.

Here my conscience was taught,  
With a moral quite fraught,  
With sentiments hold and true;  
The onward I traveled,  
To have it unraveled,  
What Hiram intended to do.


Very soon to the East,  
I made my request,  
And "light" by command did attend;  
When lo! I perceived,  
In due form revealed,  
A Master, and Brother, and Friend.

For the widow distressed,  
There's a cord in my breast,  
For the helpless and orphan I feel:  
And my sword I could draw,  
To maintain the pure law,  
Which the duties of a Mason reveal.

Thus have I revealed,  
(Yet wisely concealed),  
What the "free and accepted" will know.  
I am one of a band,  
Who will faithfully stand,  
As a Brother, wherever I go.

*This poem was written by Bro. Reverend Dr. Magill, Rector of St. Paul's Church in Peru, Illinois. It reportedly was written shortly after a lady asked him "Are You a Mason?" It is thought to have been written in the mid to late 1800's.*

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   |
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| <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b> 5 p. Commandery at (BMC)<br>F-OES #223<br>Opening at 7:30 pm (FMC)  | <b>3</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC)<br>Opening at 7:30 pm<br>KI # 186 - 7:30 pm. (FMC)                    | <b>4</b> Bellingham Valley Scottish Rite, dinner 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:30 pm.<br>SJ # 175-stated<br>Opening at 7:30 p. (FHMC)<br>Job's Daughters Line Officer meet Fern-Haggen 5:30 pm   | <b>5</b> L # 56-stated<br>Opening at 7:30 PM (FMC)<br>Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay<br>Opening at 7 PM (BMC) | <b>6</b> BB # 44-stated<br>Lodge opens at 7:30 pm, at 8 pm an Open Installation of Officers will begin.   | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b> Job's Daughters Council meets at 3 pm. At the BMC | <b>9</b> Ferndale Lodge #264 is "Dark" for this month.   | <b>10</b> F # 73-stated<br>Opening at 7:30 pm (BMC)<br>Evergreen RB # 17 Opening at 7 p. (FMC)   | <b>11</b> NV # 105-stated<br>Opening at 7:30 pm (NMC)  | <b>12</b> N-OES # 171<br>Opening at 7:30 pm (FMC)<br>Bethel # 25 JD 7 pm (BMC)                           | <b>13</b> Whatcom Lodge Spl. Its Bunco Night - Fun for the Family and Friends. 6 pm at BMC.<br>BB #44 Spl Communication. 6:30 dinner (\$5) lodge opens at 7 pm. | <b>14</b> Scottish Rite class, the 4 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> Degrees at SRH, class begins at 10 am. See <a href="#">Scottish Rite article on page 2 for details.</a> |
| <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b> Royal Arch (BMC)<br>6:30 dinner, meeting begins at 7:30 p: see info on page 3.<br>F-OES #223<br>Opening at 7:30 pm (FMC) | <b>17</b> KI # 186-stated<br>Opening at 7:30 p. (FMC)<br>ML-OES # 58<br>Opening at 7:30 p. (BMC) | <b>18</b> Job's Daughters Line Officer meet Fern-Haggen 5:30 pm  | <b>19</b> W 151-stated - Dinner 5:45 PM<br>Lodge at 6:30 pm (BMC)  | <b>20</b> NW Shrine Club - 50th Anniversary and Installation of Officers. See Ad on page 3.   | <b>21</b> MFLA 10 a.<br>Hosted by W151 at (BMC)<br>Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay<br>Opening at 7 p. (BMC)   |
| <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b> Evergreen RB # 17<br>Opening at 7 pm (FMC)   | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b> N-OES # 171<br>Opening at 7:30 pm (FMC)<br>7:30 p. Maplewood TB (BMC)                          | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b> Bethel No. 25 JDs,<br>Grand Bethel visitation, 3 pm at the BMC. There will be a lunch at 12 noon for \$5.   |
| <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>  |  <p><b>KING S QUOTE'S</b></p> <p>Horse sense is the thing a horse has<br/>which keeps it from betting on people.</p> <p>W. C. Fields, 1890 - 1946</p> |  |   |   |