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Have a V e r y
H a p p y N e w Y e a r !

M A S O N I C S U N D A Y

All Masons & Friends Are Invited to

A F e s t i v a l o f O r g a n M u s i c

Presented by the

Mt Baker Theater Organ Society

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

The Mt. Baker Theater 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.

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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The value of a man
resides in what he gives
and not in what he is
capable of receiving.

Albert Einstein

Valentine & Sweetheart's Dinner Coming Soon!!

The details are being worked out for a District wide Valentine & Sweetheart's Dinner. The date is Saturday, February 10th, 2007 and it will be held at the Bellingham Masonic Center. Please arrive between 6 and 6:15 PM. Dinner to be served at 6:30 PM. A donation of \$15 per couple (*\$10 per Gentleman & \$5 per Lady*), will be gratefully accepted. Bring some extra funds - we will have a desert auction! This will be at least a Semi-Formal Night on the Town! **RSVP** to:

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John Browne 599 - 3481
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Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Jan 3rd San Juan Lodge stated - 7:30 p

Jan 4th Lynden Lodge stated - 7:30 p

Jan 5th Bellingham Bay stated - 7:30

Jan 8th Ferndale Lodge stated - 7:30 p

Jan 9th Fairhaven Lodge stated - 7:30

Jan 10th Nooksack Valley Lodge stated - 7:30 pm.

Jan 16th Kulshan Int. Lodge stated - 7:30 pm.

Jan 18th Whatcom Lodge stated - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Lynden Lodge on the move

Jan 4 th	Masons Lunch – Rusty Wagon On Hannegan Road north of the Pole Road	12 Noon
Jan 4 th	Stated Meeting *	7:30 PM
Jan 11 th	Masons Lunch – Rusty Wagon On Hannegan Road north of the Pole Road	12 Noon
Jan 16 th	Lynden Lodge to visit KI Lodge	7:30 PM
Jan 18 th	Masons Lunch – Rusty Wagon On Hannegan Road north of the Pole Road	12 Noon
Jan 18 th	Special Communication	7:30 PM
Jan 20 th	MFLA—at W. Maplewood	10:30 AM
Jan 25 th	Masons Lunch – Rusty Wagon On Hannegan Road north of the Pole Road	12 Noon
Jan 28 th	Masonic Sunday – Music Festival Presented by the Mt. Baker Theater Organ Society	2 PM

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

Lynden Lodge #56 is laying claim to having the youngest attendee at a Masonic function anywhere in the world at anytime. Beautiful Jordon Marie McCoy, daughter of parents Richard and Felicia, attended the Annual Holiday Dinner on Saturday, December 16th at the age of 22 1/2 hours. She was born on Friday, December 15th at 7:26 PM at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bellingham weighing in at 5 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18" tall, er long. Lynden Lodge will hang on to this record until some other Lodge presents a substantiated claim for an even younger attendee!
Fraternally, Dick

MASONIC FUND-RAISER

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR RUMMAGE SALE

WHO? Lynden Lodge # 56
WHAT? Mother of all rummage sales
WHEN? Fri. & Sat., February 9th & 10th 9 AM
WHERE? Ferndale Masonic Center
HOW? With your help!

You can help! Get rid of your unwanted items. Eliminate your clutter. Clean out your basements, closets, attics, sheds, garages, workshops, cupboards, cabinets and drawers.

We need antiques, collectibles, tools, toys, glassware, chairs, tables, pet items, flatware, old stuff, new stuff, bird houses, stools, knick knacks, clothing, paintings, prints, bicycles, books, tricycles, decorations, jewelry, watches, pots, pans, crafts, rings, earrings, necklaces, pendants, fountains, bookcases, vacuum cleaners, rocking chairs, keepsakes, wall hangings, unwanted wedding gifts, rocking horses, bowls, dishes, cups, lamps, cradles, pocketbooks, wallets, key chains, pet items, sports equipment, table cloths, chests, candles, candleholders, games, crystal, videos, cameras, stereos, radios, trays, plates, clocks, blankets, baby items, oil lamps, linen, card tables, unwanted Xmas gifts, Xmas decorations, night stands, small appliances, figurines and anything else you want to get rid of!!

Call Dick Decima at **392-0145** for pick-up.

Reflections on the Holidays

I can never remember whether it snowed for six days and six nights when I was twelve or whether it snowed twelve days and twelve nights when I was six; or whether the ice broke and the skating grocer vanished like a snow man through a white trap-door on that same Christmas Day that the minced pies finished Uncle Arnold and we tobogganed down the seaward hill, all the afternoon, on the best tea-tray, and Mrs. Griffiths complained, and we threw a snowball at her niece, and my hands burned so, when I held them in front of the fire, that I cried for twenty minutes and then had some jelly.

Dylan Thomas

Whatcom Lodge News

Terpenning Scholarship Recipient honored

Three brothers from Whatcom Lodge, Tim Springstead, Sam Silverman and John Browne attended the Holiday Dinner hosted by Lynden Lodge. They had a wonderful time, the food was good and plentiful and Oh, Santa Claus made a visit. Whatcom Lodge took this festive occasion to honor the 2006 Harold M. Terpenning Educational Scholarship Recipient, Ms. Mia Kloc. Ms. Kloc attended Lynden H.S. and is a member of Evergreen Assembly No. 17 of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. She is a freshman at Western Washington University and plans to major in Special Education in Elementary Education. Ms. Kloc was Awarded a certificate and a check for \$500 by Bro. Tim Springstead, who is President of Evergreen Assembly Advisory Board. Also attending the dinner were Ms. Kloc's parents, Michael and Christeen Kloc.

Whatcom Lodge makes a visitation!

On Thursday, December 7th, nine Whatcom brothers visited Lynden Lodge to support WB Dick Decima as he began his term as Lynden's new Master. It was truly exciting to had so many Whatcom brothers respond and join in this visit.

Next Visitation: To keep the visitation momentum going, Whatcom Lodge will use its Special Communication day as a visitation and attend Bellingham Bay Lodge on Friday, January 5th, 2007. This choice may have been influence by the fact that the Grand Orator is slated to present a little program at Bellingham Bay this evening. We hope as many Whatcom brothers as possible will join us there.

NW Shrine Club

Happy New Year, Ladies & Nobles. You are cordially invited to attend our annual

Installation of officers on Friday January 26, 2007, at Bellingham Masonic Center, 2626 W. Maplewood Ave.

Zem Zem is at 6:00 P.M. Dinner at 7:00 P.M. & Installation is at 8:00 P.M. The cost of the dinner will be \$25.00 a person same as last year. Menu for the evening will be: Prime Rib or Salmon, Twice Baked Potato, Caesar Salad, Rolls, Coffee and Dessert.

Contact Noble Ron Fine for reservations at 360-676-5747 or E-mail me at RonFine2@aol.com

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS WILL BE THURSDAY JANUARY 18, 2007.

Our new Potentate will be in attendance with his Divan and their Ladies.

Officers for 2007 are: President Al Tomko, 1st V. President John Shorthill, 2nd V. President Travis Rohrer, Treasurer, Al Jensen, Secretary Ron Fine. Board members are: Ray Stewart, Bill Barquist, Chuck Nelson, George Edwards, Greg Cory.

Noble President Greg Cory would like to Thank everyone who has made his year great." THANK YOU ALL".

Come out and enjoy a great dinner, meet your new officers and of course meet our new Potentate and his Divan.

On behalf of myself and Lady Sharon we wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

*Yours in Faith
Ron Fine,
Secretary NWSC*

Here is what *Bellingham Bay*

has going on.

OK! We're going to try this again. I have re-invited the Grand Orator to visit our lodge on Friday, January 5th. He will present a little program describing his duties and what it's been like to travel and be part of the Grand Lodge as it puts on the ritual ceremonies for Cornerstone and Lodge Constitution. There are many brothers who have not seen or participated in these ancient rituals and I think you'll find this program of great interest.

January Schedule

Friday the 5th – **Stated meeting** at 7:30 PM. Preceded by no-host dinner. The Grand Orator will make a little presentation.

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 PM. Program to be determined

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

WM Gary Pitcher

The Twelve Days of Christmas:

The Twelve Days of Christmas begin on Christmas day and run through January 5th. The following day, January 6th, is Epiphany, the day on which legend tells us the Three Kings or Wise Men visited the infant Jesus. The song devised around these 12 days is thought to have been created to teach Catholic children their catechism, during the years of persecution in England. In our present world we ought to remember that Christmas is more than shopping and a day to open gifts, it is a period of faith & thoughtful reflection.


I wish to thank the Sacred Heart Parish, of Bellingham, for the information contained in the chart below.

Date	Day	Gift of the True Love, God	Meaning
25 Dec	1 st day	Partridge in a Pear tree	Jesus Christ
26 Dec	2 nd day	Two turtledoves	2 Testaments: Old and New
27 Dec	3 rd day	Three French hens	3 Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity
28 Dec	4 th day	Four calling birds	4 Gospels: Matthew, Mark Luke, and John
29 Dec	5 th day	Five golden rings	5 Books of Law: Genesis-Deuteronomy
30 Dec	6 th day	Six geese a-laying	6 Days of Creation: Genesis One
31 Dec	7 th day	Seven swans a-swimming	7 Gifts of the Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety & Fear of the Lord. Seven Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick Holy Orders & Matrimony
1 Jan	8 th day	Eight maids a-milking	8 Beatitudes: See Mthw. 5:3-13
2 Jan	9 th day	Nine ladies dancing	9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit: See Gal: 5:22 (12 fruits are listed)
3 Jan	10 th day	Ten lords a-leaping	10 Commandments: see Ex 20:1-17 & Dt. 5:6-21
4 Jan	11 th day	Eleven pipers piping	11 Apostles remaining: See Acts 1:13
5 Jan	12 th day	Twelve Drummers drumming	12 Articles of the Creed: The Apostle's Creed is divided into 12 articles of faith.

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
31st New Year's Eve the 7 th Day of Christmas!	1 New Year's Day! the 8 th Day of Christmas!	2 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p. the 9 th Day of Christmas!	3 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC) the 10 th Day of Christmas!	4 L # 56 stated 7:30 p Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7 p. (BMC) the 11 th Day of Christmas!	5 BB # 44 stated 7:30 p W 151 - visits BB 44 the 12 th Day of Christmas!	6 Epiphany - the Wise Men visit the manger!
7	8 F #264-Dark Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM at (BMC) din 6:30, meet 7:30 p.	9 F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	10 NV # 105 stated 7:30 p. (NMC)	11 Bethel # 25 JD, 7 p. (BMC)	12	13
14	15 Bellingham Chapter Royal Arch (BMC) din 6:30, meet 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	16 KI # 186-stated 7:30 p. ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	17	18 W 151-stated dinner 5:30, lodge 6:30 pm	19 BB 44 Spl Comm. at 7:30 PM	20 MFLA - 10 a Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7 p. (BMC)
21	22	23 Evergreen RB # 17, 7 p. (FMC) Fairhaven #73 Spl. 7:30 p.	24	25 Maplewood TB 7:30 p. (BMC)	26	27 Bethel 25
28	29	30	31	Actions lie louder than words. ~ Carolyn Wells		

A compromise is the art
of dividing a cake in such a way
that everyone believes he has the biggest piece
~ Ludwig Erhard



KING'S QUOTE'S

To succeed in the world
it is not enough
to be stupid,
you must also be
well-mannered.

Bro. Francois M. A. Voltaire
1694 - 1778

Thank You: I wish to take this opportunity to thank several brothers for their assistance in helping to make this publication one which serves the Masonic

Family of District Ten:
vW Glenn Hutchings, vW John Sleeth, WB Gary Pitcher, WB Dick Decima, WB Thom Baughn, WB Ron Fine, WB Ted King who inspires King's Quotes and especially Br. Ted McQuiston who supplies me with most of the fine pithy sayings sprinkled throughout the letters. I take full responsibility for errors or mistakes which appear, but you can help because the timely reporting of lodge/ chapter activities will help me make fewer such mistakes. Thanks, *John Browne*





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