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Whatcom Lodge Report

Stated Meeting - Our stated meeting was held on December 17th and, as it has been of late, there was lots of business to be done. In addition to the paying of bills we had two petitions to ballot on. Also, there were two very important items on this evening's agenda: *first* was the conferral of the Third Degree on Bro. Ty Myers, and *second* was the presentation of a 40 Year Masonic longevity pin to Bro. Ron Bailey.

Petitions: The Investigation Committee for the Petition of Mr. Jesse Peterson recommended that his petition be granted and the Investigation Committee for the Petition of Mr. J. P. McCullough also recommended that his petition be granted. WM West opened the balloting on both petitions and the balloting was completed. In each case the result was Fair, Clear & Bright.

Degrees - On Thu. December 3rd, the EA Degree was conferred on Bro. Joe Barratt and on Wed. December 9th, the FC Degree was conferred on Brothers Doug Hopson and Jakob Frisch. As mentioned above the Third Degree was conferred on Bro. Ty Myers on Thu. December 17th.

Next Special Meetings - January 7th, dinner at 5:30 with lodge to open at about 6:30 pm. The purpose of this Special Communication will be to confer an Entered Apprentice Degree.

Next Stated meeting - January 21st, dinner at 5:30, lodge to begin opening at 6:30. At this meeting we will be conferring another Entered Apprentice Degree and balloting on the Petition for the Degrees of Masonry from Mr. Mike Mozelewski.

Installation of Officers: The installation of officers on Saturday, December 12th went very well. WB Thom Baughn installed WB Larry West and WB West exercised his right and installed all the remaining officer positions. WB Bill Hall served as Installing Secretary, VW Russ Gran served as the Installing Marshal and WB Gary Pitcher was the Installing Chaplain. WB Thom Baughn gave the Charge to the Master and VW John Browne gave the Charges to the Wardens and to the Lodge.

The salmon dinner, following the installation, was excellent, thanks to Bro. Leon Scott and his assistant Leah, who made the delicious cheesecake we had for dessert. The brothers of Whatcom are very thankful for the excellent service provided by Bethel No. 25, who took care of serving and clean-up.

As 2009 closes I want to express the thankfulness, on the part of the brethren of Whatcom Lodge, to the many members of our local Masonic Family who have assisted us during past year. We hope that we've been of help to many of your lodges and organizations too. Thank you!

Fraternally, John Browne - Secretary/Treasurer, contact information is at the bottom of page 4.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

- Jan 6th San Juan Lodge - 7:30
- Jan 7th Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Jan 11th Ferndale Lodge - **Dark**
- Jan 12th Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm
- Jan 13th Nooksack Valley Ldg - **Dark**
- Jan 15th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 p
- Jan 21st Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.
- Jan 19th Kulshan Int. Lodge - 7:30 p

Thoughts from Samuel Johnson

As any action or posture
long continued
will distort and
disfigure the limbs;
so the mind likewise
is crippled and contracted
by perpetual application
to the same set
of ideas.

~ Samuel Johnson:
Rambler #173 (November 12, 1751)

Order is a lovely nymph,
the child of Beauty and Wisdom;
her attendants are
Comfort, Neatness, and Activity;
her abode is the
valley of happiness:
She is always to be found
when sought for,
and never appears so lovely
as when contrasted
with her opponent,
Disorder.

~ Samuel Johnson
(1709 - 1784)

January - Calendar Items

- 1st Place Flags: New Year's Day
- 6th Masterminds Meeting
- 7th Stated Meeting
- 18th Place Flags: MLK BD
- 21st Special Meeting (tentative visit to Whatcom #151)
- 23rd MM degree – Sean O'Heir

December Activity Summary

Lynden brethren were involved in several activities during last month of 2009. In addition to the Stated Meeting, a Christmas Luncheon to honor Lodge Widows was held on December 6th and a visit to Joppa Lodge # 112 in White Rock, B.C. on December 10 took the place of the normal scheduled Special Meeting.

Bikes For Books is one of our primary Community Support programs for the 2009/10 Lodge year. Currently participating schools include five primary and two middle schools in the Lynden and Meridian school districts plus Lynden Library. During the 1st Semester a total of 16 bicycles were placed. In December six bicycles were presented to winning student readers. Drawings and award ceremonies were attended by Lodge members. Of particular note was an all school assembly at the Irene Reither primary school in the Meridian School District. According to Mrs. Jane Holland, School Librarian, School reading increased six fold compared to the same period last year. Lodge plans include expansion of the program, subject to funding, and placement of 16 additional bikes and helmets after start of the 2nd Semester School year.

Lynden Lodge Annual Scholarship applications and Educator of the Year applications have been distributed. Scholarships are for Lynden High School and Meridian High School Senior Students. Educators of the Year awards are available to Lynden and Meridian District wide nominees.

Happy New Year to all District 10 Brethren! Please visit us. Your ideas and support are welcome and needed.

WM Jack Sprouls
Lynden Lodge No. 56

When I despair . . . I remember that all through history, the way of truth and love has always won. There have been murderers and tyrants, and for a time they can seem invincible. But in the end they always fall. Think of it. . . always.

Mohandas K. Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948)
Indian Political, Spiritual Leader

Washington portrait for the Lynden Public Library

Lynden Masonic Lodge receives national recognition as the first sponsor of a portrait of George Washington presented to a public library through the auspices of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

WM Jack Sprouls recently was informed that approval had been granted by Historic Mount Vernon to sponsor a George Washington portrait for the Lynden Public Library.

Regan Robinson, Manager of the Lynden Public Library, in a letter to Mount Vernon, has confirmed that the gift by Lynden Masonic Lodge of a beautifully framed portrait on canvas by renown artist Rembrandt Peale's "Porthole Portrait of George Washington" as part of the George Washington Leadership program would be prominently displayed in the Community Meeting Room at the Library.

The Director of Major Gifts for Historic Mount Vernon, stated that "this gift would represent the first library in the nation (outside of a school) where Mount Vernon has placed one of these beautiful portraits."

It is anticipated that the unveiling of this portrait at the Lynden Public Library will take place on February 22, 2010 on the occasion of the anniversary of Washington's birthday. Details will be released nearer to this date.

Earlier this year, Lynden Masonic Lodge sponsored four Washington portraits in Meridian School District #505 which are hanging in Meridian High School, Meridian Middle School, Ten Mile Creek Elementary School and Irene Reither Primary School.

The George Washington Portrait Program, under the auspices of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, has a stated objective of returning Washington's portrait to a place of prominence in public schools. More than 4,000 portraits have been placed so far.

WB Dick Decima
Secretary

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There is nothing worse than a brilliant image
of a fuzzy concept.

~ Ansel Adams

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Ours is the age that is proud of machines that think
and suspicious of men who try to.

~ H. Mumford Jones

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We ought not to be over anxious to encourage
innovation, in cases of doubtful improvement, for
an old system must ever have two advantages over
a new one; it is established, and it is understood.

~ Charles Caleb Colton (1780 - 1832) British Sportsman, Writer

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

Friday January 1st No meeting due to New Years Day.

Friday January 15th Stated meeting—EA Degree, 7:30 PM

Due to the first Friday of January being New Years Day there will be no meeting of Bellingham Bay #44 on that day. Per our by-laws our stated for January will be on Friday January 15th. We will open at 7:30 P.M. on the Entered Apprentice Degree and will promptly confer an Entered Apprentice degree. The business portion of our meeting will follow the degree.

WM Gary Pitcher

**Drop-in Practice to begin
at the Scottish Rite Hall
hosted by Bellingham Bay SW**

Brethren:

Our energetic SW Chris Lyon, fresh from a 4-year stint as an engineer in Alaska (where the jobs were), is establishing a drop-in practice session over coffee on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 7 to 9 pm at our State St. Temple beginning Jan. 29 (OK, so that will be the 5th Fri.), as advertised in our January Trestle-Board. One question I had was how did he propose to practice ritual when their might be EAs, FCs and/or MMs present? Who better to explain what he hopes to accomplish than Chris himself in this recent email:

Ken,

Oh ... that I should have so many people show up that this would be a problem.

At the start of each meeting I will need to verify that each participant is a Mason and of which degree each has completed. For Master Masons I could use the Tyler's Oath and signs of a MM. For EAMs and FCMs from lodges other than ours, I would need "lawful information" (e.g. an email) from their lodge's Secretary or Master, unless a MM from their lodge is present.

Brothers of different degrees would be separated into different practice groups, and would likely be sent to different rooms, (Lodge room for MMs, Scottish Rite room for FCMs and dining room for EAMs); that is unless Brothers of a higher degree would be willing to join a FCM or EAM group.

Although not required, I plan to keep a roster of those attending and minutes of the Masonic work that we do, which will be forwarded to the Lodge Secretary.

Fraternally yours,
Chris Lyon

NW Shrine Club Nobles & Ladies, you are invited to attend the open installation of officers for the Northwest Shrine Club on Friday January 22, 2010. The installation will take place at the Maplewood Masonic Hall at 2626 W. Maplewood Ave, Bellingham, Wa.

There will be a dinner before the installation, menu will be Prime Rib (10 oz cut) or Salmon a la Thom, Mashed Potatoes, Baby Peas/ Pearl onions, Caesar Salad, Rolls, Coffee & Dessert all for the price of \$25.00 per person. For reservations call Noble George Edwards at 360-303-0492 or e-mail him at george@syscongrp.com, or you may call Noble Ron Fine at 360-676-5747 or e-mail him at RonFine2@aol.com.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY JANUARY 14, 2010.

ZemZem @ 6:00 P.M., Dinner @ 7:00 P.M., Installation @ 8:00 P.M.

The Sunshine Committee reported for the first time at our December Dinner meeting that there was no sickness to report. On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Northwest Shrine Club we wish all of you a very Happy New Year.

Yours in Faith,
Ron Fine, Secretary-Elect NWSC

Bellingham Temple Association—Next Meeting

The Bellingham Masonic Center, will hold its first quarter 2010 meeting on Thursday, January, 28th at 7:30 PM.

Attention newer Masons and Star Members—you do not have to be a Master Mason to attend a Temple Board Meeting, so I hope to see you at our next meeting. The greater the attendance the richer we are in ideas for improvement of our Hall.

In the November 2009 newsletter I noted that one way for each member of the Masonic Family, who uses the facility, is to purchase Bonds. I have done a little research and can report that the Bonds come in at least two denominations; \$100 and \$1,000 Bonds. For details you may call or email Board President Vern Christianson at:

phone, **738-4889** email, chveja@comcast.net

Thanks,
Board Sec. John Browne: jbrowne@telcomplus.net

On the Mind's Eye

Appearances to the mind are of four kinds. Things either are what they appear to be; or they neither are, nor appear to be; or they are, and do not appear to be; or they are not, and yet appear to be. Rightly to aim in all these cases is the wise man's task.


~ Epictetus (60 - 120 AD ?), Discourses

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
27 Third Day of Christmas	28 Fourth Day of Christmas	29 Fifth Day of Christmas	30 Sixth Day of Christmas	31 New Year's Eve Seventh Day of Christmas	1 BB # 44 stated moved to 1-15-09 (SRH) New Year's Day Eight Day of Christmas	2 Ninth Day of Christmas
3 Tenth Day of Christmas	4 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30, F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC) Eleventh Day of Christmas	5 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p. Twelfth Day of Christmas	6 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC) Epiphany - <i>The Wise Men visit the manger!</i>	7 L # 56 stated meeting 7:30 pm W #151—EA Degree Planned.	8	9
10	11 F # 264 - Dark Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	12 F # 73-stated 7 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	13 NV # 105 - Dark	14 Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.	15 BB 44 Stated Meeting 7:30 p. (SRH)	16 MFLA is hosted by What-com Lodge at 10 am.
17	18 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	19 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Brd. Meeting	20	21 W 151-stated lodge opens 6:30 pm EA Degree Planned.	22 NWSC Installation of Officers - ZemZem at 6 PM, Dinner at 7 PM and Installation at 8 PM.	23 Bethel #25 at 7 pm
24 <hr/> 31	25	26 F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC)	27	28 Bellingham Tem-ple Association meet-ing 7:30 PM	39	30

Life is like driving a car at night.
 You never see further than your headlights,
 but you can make the whole trip that way.

~ E. L. Doctorow



KING'S QUOTE'S

Don't argue with a fool.
 The spectators can't
 tell the difference.

~ Charles Nalin.

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