



Letters from District No. 10

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June 2006

Whatcom Lodge No. 151 celebrates its 100 Year Anniversary!

you are cordially invited to join, on Friday June 16th, 2006, the brothers of Whatcom Lodge No. 151 in celebration of their 100th year of operation. Whatcom Lodge is hosting a prime rib dinner at 6:30 PM, at 2626 W. Maplewood. If you would like to attend please RSVP to:

Mike Johnston at 384-5875, or
John Burley at 733-1409

Grand Master's Achievement Award

It is with honor and pride that I am announcing that this year's recipient of the Grand Master's Achievement Award in District No. 10 is VWB Bill Rayborn of San Juan Lodge No. 175. Bill was DGM in 1977 and has been a Mason for 49 years. VWB Bill was presented the award by MWB Al Jorgenson at the Outdoor Fellowcraft Degree on Saturday, May 20th, 2006.

Fraternally,
VW Glenn W. Hutchings DGM D10

*Give light, and the darkness
will disappear of itself.*

~ Desiderius Erasmus

Calendar of Lodge Events

- Jun 1st** Lynden 56 stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm.
- Jun 2nd** Bellingham Bay 44 stated meeting, Lodge at 7:30 pm.
- Jun 6th** Kulshan Int. Spl Comm.
- Jun 7th** San Juan 175 stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm.
- Jun 8th -10th** Grand Lodge of WA.
- Jun 12th** Ferndale 264 stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm. Election of Officers.
- Jun 13th** Fairhaven 73 stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm.
- Jun 14th** Nooksack Valley stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm.
- Jun 15th** Whatcom stated meeting, dinner at 5:45 pm. open at 6:30 pm.
- Jun 16th** Whatcom Lodge hosts 100th Year Anniversary Dinner, 6:30 pm. Open to all. Please RSVP to Mike Johnston at 384-5875, or to John Burley at 733-1409.
- Jun 20th** Kulshan Int. stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm.
- Jun 24th** Ferndale special, Potluck dinner and Game Night—6 pm.
- Jun 25th** Fairhaven 73 special communication.
- Jun 26th** Scottish Rite Board meeting, dinner at 6:30 meeting at 7:30 pm.

Evergreen Assembly No. 17, IORG honors Veterans on Memorial Day!

The girls of Evergreen Assembly No. 17 will be placing flags on 484 veteran's graves at the Enterprise Cemetery for Memorial Day. This project got its start in 2005 when Bro. Tim Springstead's daughter Tiffany was Worthy Advisor of the Assembly, which is currently sponsored by Whatcom Lodge. Brother Springstead notes that the girls take this duty seriously and have grown to appreciate the sacrifice our veterans have made for our country. The assembly picked Enterprise Cemetery for two reasons: first, it is small enough for the youth group to handle the job and secondly, it is the resting place of Tiffany's grandfather, Glen Springstead, who was an Army Sergeant when he served in the Pacific Theater during World War Two.

Brother Springstead says that he hopes the example set by the Rainbow Girls of Assembly No. 17 will motivate other youth groups to place flags on veterans graves in other Whatcom County Cemeteries in successive years. It is his goal to have every veteran's grave bear a flag each Memorial Day.

There are two ways
of spreading light;
to be the candle
or the mirror
that reflects it.

~ Edith Wharton



KING'S QUOTE'S

The fool wonders,
the wise man asks.

Benjamin Disraeli

The danger of the past was that men became slaves.
The danger of the future is that men may become robots.

~Eric Fromm

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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Scottish Rite

Calendar of Coming Events

May 2006

May 31

Consistory Banquet Dinner - **Reservations** required to: secretary@scottish-rite.com or phone 360-733-1103 - Cost \$16 each -Ladies and guests invited.

June 2006 - Dark

July 2006

July 5

Board Meeting
Dinner 6 - Meeting 7:30
Calendar planning for 2006-2007

Thank you,

John Sleeth
General Secretary

**A man needs
a little madness,
or else he never
dares cut the rope
and be free.**

~ Nikos Kazantzakis,
writer (1883 - 1957)

**Security is mostly
a superstition.
It does not exist in nature,
nor do the children of men
as a whole experience it.
Avoiding danger is no safer
in the long run
than outright exposure.
Life is either
a daring adventure,
Or nothing.**

~ Helen Keller, 1880 - 1968

When Wakanda Lodge No. 52, at Carrollton, Missouri was chartered, its roll of membership included the name of Saschel Woods, with the following recorded: “Rev. S. Woods, a native of Kentucky, emigrated to Missouri in 1834.” He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and is reported as having a voice of great carrying capacity, and being a forceful speaker. He was the first Chaplain of the Lodge and was said to have been a man of fine personality.

A short time after this Lodge had been organized he went to St. Louis and joined a company of young men connected with a train of teams conveying merchandise from this city to New Mexico.

This was a dangerous occupation. Indians constantly raided the trains. Many young men came west to “kill Indians” and would shoot them at every opportunity. Indians would seek immediate revenge and would attack any party of white men not large enough to defend themselves successfully. After one such occasion Saschel Woods left Santa Fe with a small party of men and went to Taos, NM. On the night second night of the journey, they were surprised and surrounded by a large body of Indians, from whom there was no escape. They were captured, disarmed and taken up into the mountains, where they were each tied and bound to a tree. Their captors then piled brush around them intending to set it alight after torturing and mutilating them.

While thus bound and just before the torture was to commence, Woods managed to free his hands and it flashed in his mind in an instant to give the Masonic sign of distress, though he had not the least hope or expectation that it would be recognized. To his surprise, it was not made in vain.

The chief of the tribe of Indians immediately sprang toward him and cut his bonds loose, and all proceedings with the others at once ended.

The chief informed him that one of his party had killed an Indian of his tribe, without any just cause or provocation. Woods informed him there must have been some mistake and that none of his men had been guilty of such an act. At the time it was alleged to have been done, he and every member of his party were in Taos and stopped at the time at the same hotel and knew nothing about the deed whatsoever.

“I will keep all of your men here prisoners,” the chief said. “I will send a small party of my tribe with you back to Taos. My Word as a Mason, if the owner of the hotel says that you and your men were at his place on that same day you say were I will spare your lives. But, if you have lied to me, I assure you it shall be worse for you and your men than we had originally intended.”

The captives were untied from the trees, while Woods rode to Taos with a small party of Indians to Taos. Two of the Indians went into town with him, made inquiry and brought out the owner of the hotel, who confirmed all that Woods had stated. They returned to where the rest of the tribe with the prisoners waited.

The chief, on being informed by his detachment, that Woods had told the truth, immediately gave his orders to release all of the prisoners. Their horses, guns, ammunition and everything taken from them was returned. A strong escort of this tribe was sent to accompany them several days by a circuitous route, so they might not fall in with parts of the tribe who were still out hunting victims on which to avenge their fallen. When they struck the main road, their Indian escort left them and they continued their journey homeward in safety.

Woods returned to Missouri and soon afterwards met Peter Lassen, joined his emigrant train and on May 13, 1848, they obtained a Charter for Western Star Lodge No. 48, to be located at Benton City, California. Woods was named Master.

At the election of the Officers of the Grand Lodge in April 1850, Woods was elected the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.

Woods died in Crescent City, California, April 26, 1854 from dysentery. Crescent Lodge No. 4 prevailed on Grand Lodge to appropriate \$200 in 1892 for the purpose of erecting a monument over his grave. The inscription reads as follows: “In Memory of Saschel Woods, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of California, a native of the state of Kentucky – Died April 26, 1854. Erected by the Grand Lodge.”

The Lamb Skin

Summer is upon us and what better way to play as a family than to go camping. As members of the Masonic Family we have a wonderful resource available to us, The Masonic Park near Granite Falls, WA. I have reproduced a portion of the Park Brochure to give you a flavor of features you can enjoy. I have a few brochures and will send you one if you contact me:

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THE MASONIC PARK

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THE WHOLE FAMILY
245 Acres of
Sheer Camping Enjoyment

Located four and one half miles east of Granite Falls, Washington, the Masonic Park, with its beautiful majestic trees, secluded campsites and the rushing stream that runs through it, makes a stay at the park a delightful, peaceful change from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives.

The Masonic Park, with its 245 acres of splendid Hemlock, Fir and Cedar trees, has many private RV campsites with shelters and cooking pits along the creek. There are also group camping areas, RV dumps, a bathhouse with hot showers, a playground for the kids, and one of the best steelhead fishing streams in the State of Washington.

The Park is open for your pleasure from April 1st through October 31st, Park hours are:

April and October
8 am until 6 pm

May through September
8 am until 9 pm

November 1st through March 31st we are closed; however, you may still use the Park to camp or spend the day by calling ahead before coming.

A copy of the Park Rules is available at the gate when you register and we ask that you please follow them.

The park has several covered shelters: two large enclosed buildings; two separate bathrooms (one with coin-operated showers); and 4 wood storage bins. There are some shelters with hook-ups (power and water only) and there are two dump stations. The two large enclosed buildings (the big kitchen and Peterson Hall) are available by reservation and fees only. There are some open areas that may be reserved for a fee. The rest are first come first serve. Call the Park for reservation information.

The Park has three play areas for children of all ages. Beautiful Canyon Creek runs through the park with access for swimming and fishing. You can also come up for a picnic and stroll through the Park.

Consider using the Masonic Park for: Weddings, Group Picnics, Group Camping, and Family Reunions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CALL MASONIC PARK AT (360) 691-6641

*It is not ornamental, the cost is not great,
There are things far more useful, yet truly I state,
That of all my possessions, there is none can compare,
With the White Leathren Apron, which all Masons wear.*

*As a young lad I wondered just what it all meant,
When Dad hustled round, and so much time was spent
On shaving and dressing, and looking just right.
Until Mother would say, "It's the Masons tonight."*

*And some winter nights she said, "What makes you go
Way up there tonight through the sleet and the snow,
You see the same things every month in the year."
Then Dad would reply, "Yes, I know it, my dear.*

*Forty years I have seen the same things, it is true
And though they are old, still they always seem new.
For the hands that I clasp and the friends that I greet,
Seem a little bit closer, each time that we meet."*

*Years later I stood at that very same door,
With good men and true, who had entered before.
I kneeled at the alter, and there I was taught
That virtue and honor can never be bought.*

*That the spotless white lamb-skin, all Masons revere,
If worthy worn, grows more precious each year,
That service to others, brings blessings untold,
That men may be poor, though surrounded by gold.*

*I learned that true brotherhood flourishes there,
The enmities fade beneath the compass and square.
That wealth and position are all thrust aside,
As there, on the level, men meet and abide.*

*So honor the lamb-skin, and may it remain
Forever unblemished and free from all stain.
An when we are called the Great Father's love,
May we all take our place in the Grand Lodge above.*

Edgar A. Guest

Civilized ages inherit the human nature
which was victorious in barbarous ages,
and that nature is, in many respects,
not at all suited to civilized circumstances.

~ Walter Bagehot, 1826 - 1877

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4	5 Hesperus Commandery No. 8 at (BMC) dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 p. F-OES #223 Opens at 7:30 p. (FMC)	6 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) Opening at 7:30 p. KI # 186 special lodge opens at 7:30 p. (FMC)	7 SJ # 175-stated Opens at 7:30 p. (FHMC) V—Bellingham Scottish Rite, dinner 6:30 p., meeting at 7:30 p.	8 Grand Lodge Bethel # 25 JD, the Bethel opens at 7 p. (BMC)	9 Grand Lodge	10 Grand Lodge	
11	12 F #264-stated lodge opens 7:30 p. (FMC). Bellingham Council No. 16 R&SM at (BMC) dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 p.	13 F # 73-stated Opening at 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 The Assembly opens at 7 p. (FMC)	14 NV # 105-stated Opens at 7:30 p. (NMC) <i>Flag Day</i>	15 W 151-stated - Dinner 5:30 p. lodge opens at 6:30 p. Election of Officers	16 Whatcom Lodge 151 celebrates its 100 th Year! Please join us for a prime rib dinner—RSVP is required, see page one for details. The dinner begins at 6:30 pm	17	
18 <i>Father's Day</i>	19 Bellingham Chapter Royal Arch (BMC) dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 p. F-OES #223 Opens at 7:30 p. (FMC)	20 KI # 186-stated Opening at 7:30 p. (FMC) ML-OES # 58 Opening at 7:30 p. (BMC)	21 <i>Summer Solstice</i>	22 Maplewood TB meeting at 7:30 p. (BMC)	23	24 Grand Session IOJD Chuckanut Chapter De-Molay Opens at 7 p. (BMC)	
25	26 Grand Session IOJD F #264—special Potluck dinner & game night 6 p. (FMC) All are invited to attend.	27 Grand Session IOJD Evergreen RB # 17 Opening at 7 p. (FMC) Fairhaven #73 special, lodge opens at 7:30 p.	28	29	30		

BMC = Bellingham Masonic Center on W. Maplewood ;
FMC = Ferndale Masonic Center; FHMC = Friday Harbor Masonic Center;
NMC = Nooksack Masonic Center; SRH = Scottish Rite Hall

NW Shrine Club Greetings all. Well, by the time you read this, we will have had our Annual Ham-burger Feed after the Sea to Ski Parade. Kudos to Noble George Edwards and his great crew for the food, setup and cleanup they did. A big THANK YOU!! to all the Nobles who donated all the raffle prizes.

The Northwest Shrine Club will be dark till Tuesday September 5, 2006, when we will meet again at Our House Deli. It's been a good year for our club, as we've had 4 Cold Sands. Thank you to Noble Gene Gilbert and his lovely Lady Dot, Noble Gene did a excellent job doing the Cold Sands.

May you all have a safe and wonderful summer and we will see you in September.



Yours in Faith
 Ron Fine,
 Secretary NWSC

All the performances of human art, at which we look with praise or wonder, are instances of the resistless force of perseverance: it is by this that the quarry becomes a pyramid, and that distant countries are united with canals. If a man was to compare the effect of a single stroke of the pick-ax or of one impression of the spade with the general design and last result, he would be overwhelmed by the sense of their disproportion; yet those petty operations, incessantly continued, in time surmount the greatest difficulties, and mountains are leveled, and oceans bounded, by the slender force of human beings. ~ Dr. Samuel Johnson