



Letters from District No. 10

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June events: The Highlight is on Fraternalism

The 154th Annual communication of the
MW Grand Lodge F.&A.M.
of Washington. Dates: June 9th—11th

A Turkey Dinner Fundraiser
Host by Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105

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Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Jun 1st San Juan Lodge - 7:30

Jun 2nd Lynden Int. Lodge - 7:30 pm

Jun 3rd Bellingham Bay - 7:30 p

Jun 13th Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 pm

Jun 16th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Jun 21st Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm

Jun 22nd Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm

Whatcom Lodge Report

Stated Meeting - Our stated meeting was held on May 19th with 20 brothers attending. WB Boyd McEwen was back in the East. Lodge was again preceded by a very nice dinner prepared by Bro. Tony Anton, his lovely wife Claudia with help from two friends. The dinner was a traditional Romanian meal and was very delicious. In addition to the basic business of the lodge we balloted on the petition of Mr. Che' Pirozak-Lillick for the Degrees of Masonry.

Petitions: The petition by Mr. Che' Pirozak-Lillick was brought up for ballot after the Investigation Committee gave a full and favorable report. The result was Fair, Clear & Bright and Mr. Pirozak-Lillick was elected as the newest member of Whatcom Lodge.

We had three guests for dinner, prior to this stated meeting and all three asked for and received petitions for the Degrees and the secretary was also asked for a petition for plural membership.

Degree: The current plan is confer the First Degree on Mr. Pirozak-Lillick at our June 2nd special communication. Dinner at 5:30, lodge to open at 6:30 PM.

Presentation: WB James Hawley was presented with his Lodge Id badge and WB Boyd McEwen was given a new Id Badge reflecting his new status as WB.

Special Guests: We had two special visitors to lodge at our stated meeting. First I'd like to mention that VW Don Higerson was on a brief visit back to Bellingham and dropped-in to see us. It was very nice to see Bro. Don back home in NW Washington. Secondly, VW Coe Tug Morgan, Assistant Grand Secretary Emeritus, was on hand to join in our fraternalism and to tell us a bit about his views on Grand Lodge and why he is standing for election for Junior Grand Warden.

Whatcom Lodge at the Regional Meeting—May 7th: Whatcom Lodge had 5 Master Masons and 1 Fellowcraft in attendance at the Regional Meeting. District Ten was also well represented and set the bar high, earning 19 certificates for Proficiency in Lodge Management, by far the most earned by any district in the jurisdiction of Washington. VW Charles Cunningham did himself proud.

Next meetings—Our next Special meeting is on July 7th. The next stated meeting is on July 21st, dinner at 5:30 pm & lodge at 6 30.

Turkey Dinner Fundraiser. June 18th!

On June 18th, there will be a complete Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings at Nooksack Valley Lodge. The cost will be \$10.00 per person, and 100% of the funds will go to our Bikes For Books program. If you wish tickets, please e-mail me at jack.bev@shaw.ca and I will put your name on your ticket(s). Dinner will be served at 5 PM

Fraternally Jack Stanley
WM Nooksack Valley Lodge # 105

Too many of our prejudices are like pyramids upside down. They rest on tiny, trivial incidents, but they spread upward and outward until they fill our minds.

~ William McChesney Martin

Notes from Lynden Int. Lodge No. 56

LYNDEN INTERNATIONAL LODGE NO. 56: This past month has been a very busy one for the Lodge. Our preeminent Lodge dinner, scholarships, Educators of the Year and Bikes 4 Books for Books events all took place during May.

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER: The Spring Hands Across the Border dinner was held on Thursday, May 5th at the Bellingham Masonic Center at 2626 Maplewood Avenue. Honored were RWB Mike Sanders, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington and RWB Bill Cave, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia & Yukon.

Chef Extraordinaire George Edwards served prime rib or salmon and these selections were enjoyed by all. Evergreen Rainbow Assembly No. 17 provided exquisite service. The dinner was followed by the May Stated Communication.

BIKES 4 BOOKS: Bikes and helmets were provided to enthusiastic readers at Isom Elementary School in Lynden (Elbert R. Isom was a Past Master of the Lodge). On June 3rd at 1:30 PM, there will be a presentation at Meridian Middle School and, then, on June 13th at 1:00 PM at Lynden Middle School. These presentations don't last very long and are a lot of fun. We will be clothed as Masons. Please come if you can!!

SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarships for \$1,000 each were awarded to deserving seniors at Lynden High School and Meridan High School during awards ceremonies. The Lynden International brothers were clothed as Masons.

EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR: Awards for \$500 each were made to Educators of the Year in the Meridian and Lynden school districts. Again, the brethren were clothed as Masons.

OTHER EVENTS: Lynden International brethren were present at the District Meeting in Everett on May 7th, the San Juan Lodge No. 175 Outdoor degree on May 14th and the regular MLA meeting on May 14th.

UPCOMING MASONIC SERVICE: There will be a Masonic service on Memorial Day at 9:00 AM in the Lynden Cemetery for those brothers who are interred in the Lynden and Greenwood cemeteries. This is a brief but solemn ceremony to remember and honor those brothers who have passed to that Celestial Lodge above.

Dick Decima
Secretary
Lynden Lodge No. 56

Scottish Rite Masonry:

Valley of Bellingham

Brothers and Friends,

It was great to see a good turnout of Family, Friends and Scottish Rite members at our annual Consistory Banquet. The fellowship and renewing of old friends was one of the highlights of the evening. Pat and Dave Nelson provided harmony of the best type with tunes both old and new. We capped Claude, Terrell and Chris from last year class. Claude Weadon provided interesting message with Steve Harris topping off the evening with a poem on the Scottish Rite ring.

Summer will provide time to regroup and refine the Scottish Rite Degrees for the Fall Class. New ideas and programs are being worked on for our prospective new members. Speaking of new members, If you know of someone who has completed their 3rd degree in lodge and wants to be part of the new vibrant Valley of Bellingham, please contact any Scottish Rite Mason or myself for a petition. We all should have a couple of petitions on our person all of the time.

Thank you,

John Sleeth 32° KCCH, *General Secretary*
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Masonic Leadership Association

District No. 10

Brothers:

We had a very informative meeting at MLA on May 21st. Our special guest, RW David P. Owen, Grand Secretary presented an overview the Grand Lodge Budget process and fielded some good questions from brothers in attendance. Also in attendance was WB Fred Wolfstone, who is a member of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee and works in the Insurance Industry. Both brothers brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to our meeting. RW David also spoke a little on a couple of the Grand Lodge Resolutions, ones advanced by the Grand Master.

Our next MLA Meeting will take place in September, have a great summer!

John Sleeth, President
M.L.A.

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

Friday, June 3rd – Stated Meeting: We open lodge at 7:30 PM.

Friday, June 17th – Special Meeting: We open lodge at 7:30 PM.

Sec. Ken Gass

Fairhaven Lodge No. 73

Our June Stated Meeting is on Tuesday, June 14th and we open lodge at 7 PM

The June Special Communication is on Tuesday, June 28th and lodge will open at 7 PM.

Visiting Masons are welcome.

Thank you,
WB David Nelson

A Note from your District Ten Deputy

Brethren, I took on the role of Deputy of the Grand Master two years ago with great apprehension and a genuine desire to serve all of you to the best of my ability. I sincerely hope I have served you all to your satisfaction. I have taking great pleasure observing the progress all the lodges have made over the past two years and the personal and Masonic growth in so many of the brothers. Many of you accepted my challenge to complete your Proficiency in Lodge Management, as a result, District 10 has 19 Master Masons who have completed this significant milestone and we lead the jurisdiction in completing the PiLM. I wish to thank all of you for all your hard work and for keeping Masonry a vital and relevant part of our community.

Fraternally ~ Charles Cunningham

The Whatcom Brothers send their wishes for
A Very Happy June Birthday! To Brother's:

James Hawley - June 1st

John Browne - June 1st

Boyd McEwen - June 3rd

Joel Douglas - June 6th

Tristan Burgess - June 9th

Corven Kepplinger - June 21st

Jonathan Blair - June 29th

Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105

Hello Brethren, it is my great pleasure to write something again for the District 10 News Letter. With my year as Master, drawing to a close, we are slowing down a wee bit, but not much. Excitement abounds in Nooksack Lodge, and the Brethren are busy with Bursary's and the infamous Ronnie Juntunen Memorial Fund. This fund is presented every year, and we try very hard to have V. Wo. Bro. Frank Juntunen be always present to hand this award to the lucky student.

On Wednesday night, May 18th, it was presented to a student who attends Lynden High School. Present were Officers and members of Nooksack Valley lodge and it was well received.

On June 18th, there is a large fund raiser dinner planned for the Bikes for Books program at Nooksack. The tickets are \$10.00 each, real cheap for a full turkey dinner Brethren, so come and support our project please. The time is 5 PM supper, and there will be a silent auction as well, which 100% of all monies raised through the dinner and auction will go to the Bikes for Books Program.

On June 22nd, we will be having a step up night for the Senior Warden, Bro. Tim Springstead, this will also be our election night. It would be great if you all came to support him as well.

July 23rd, is our installation of the new officers for Nooksack for the 2011-2012 year. The time will be posted at our June 22nd meeting.

I will have the opportunity to be able to place two more notices in the bulletin before my term as Master is up. Mean while, come and watch us grow.

WB Jack Stanley
Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105

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Evergreen Assembly No. 17 - Rainbow Girls

This is on our calendar for June 2011:

June 14th: Regularly scheduled meeting of the Assembly

June 28th: Regularly scheduled meeting of the Assembly

Our meetings begin at 7 PM and Masons are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Thanks,
Wendy, Mother Advisor,
Evergreen Assembly IORG

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

Fantasies are more than substitutes for unpleasant reality; they are also dress rehearsals, plans.
 All acts performed in the world begin in the imagination.

~ Barbara Grizzuti Harrison

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 SJ # 175 - stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	2 L Int. #56 stated 7:30 pm. W #151— Spl. Dinner at 5:30, lodge 6:30 pm	3 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	4 NVL 105 Annual Chili Cook-off 7 pm
5	6 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 - 7:30 F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	7 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 pm	8	9 Grand Lodge Annual Communica- tion Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.	10 Grand Lodge Annual Communica- tion	11 Grand Lodge Annual Communica- tion
12	13 F # 264 - 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	14 F # 73-stated 7 pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	15 SJ # 175 - Spl. 7:30 p. (FHMC)	16 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	17 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p. (SRH)	18 NVL #105 hosts a Turkey Fundraiser at 5 pm. See article on page 3 , column 2.
19	20 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	21 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	22 NV # 105 - stated at 6 pm - we'll hold election of offi- cers	23	24	25 Bethel #25 at 7 pm
26	27 F # 264 - 7:30 p.	28 F # 73-Spl. 7 pm. Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	29	30	1	2

“You will find relief from vain fancies
 if you do every act in life
 as though it were your last.”

~ Marcus Aurelius, Emperor, philosopher & writer—Rome (121 - 180 AD)



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