



# Letters from District No. 10

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## Master's Trestleboard

Brethren of Whatcom Lodge I want to thank you for helping to make the Sweethearts Dinner and District Ten Meeting a success. There were just over fifty in attendance, the food was good and plentiful and the camaraderie was lively and warm.

At our stated meeting on Thursday March 16th we are planning to confer the Fellowcraft on Bro. Rob Lowe. Please come and show this brother your support.

Fraternally,

*W.M. Mike Johnston*



## York Rite: due and timely notice!

The York Rite bodies are hosting the Grand Master, MWB Alvin Jorgenson, at a noon dinner. The cost is \$10, all interested are invited. Should be a fun, enjoyable day. The DeMolay and Jobies will be serving and preparing the meal.

### RSVP'S

are on a first come ~ first served basis, so don't be late.

Make them to me, with the \$10 at my home address:

3015 Vallette,  
Bellingham, WA 98225-1843

Thom Baughn  
Deputy of the Grand High Priest  
RAM Washington

Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006

## Lynden Lodge No. 56 is hosting the Deputy Grand Masters

March is the traditional month for the annual meeting of the  
Deputy Grand Masters  
for the  
M.:W.: Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon AF&AM,  
and the  
M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Washington F&AM.

The evening begins with a no-host dinner at  
**Babe's Place Restaurant**  
which is located at 2038 Main Street, Ferndale, WA.  
The dinner begins at 5:30 pm.

This is a stated meeting for Lynden Lodge  
so lodge will open at 7:30 pm. on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006.  
Lynden Lodge meets at the Ferndale Masonic Center  
5638 3<sup>rd</sup> Av., Ferndale, WA

## Calendar of Events

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup>** San Juan Lodge stated meeting, lodge at 7:30 pm.

Scottish Rite, Valley of Bellingham, dinner at 6:30 (\$5 - free to 1<sup>st</sup> time visitors), lodge opens at 7:30 pm.

**Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>** Lynden Lodge hosts the Deputy Grand Masters of B.C. and Yukon and Washington, 7:30 pm at the Ferndale Masonic Center.

**Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>** BBay 44 stated meeting, dinner at 6:30 pm RSVP to WM Gary Pitcher, lodge at 7:30 pm.

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup>** Kulshan Int special, lodge opens at 7 pm.

**Mar 8<sup>th</sup>** NV 105 stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm—BBay 44 is visiting to bring the Traveling Light.

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>** York Rite hosts the Grand Master for a noon dinner. **See Ad**

**Mar 13<sup>th</sup>** Ferndale 264 stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm.

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Mar 14<sup>th</sup> Fairhaven stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm.

Mar 16<sup>th</sup> Whatcom stated meeting, dinner at 5:45 pm. open at 6:30 pm.

Mar 17<sup>th</sup> BBay 44 special - hosting the OV of VW Glenn Hutchings DGM. Dinner is at 6:30 - RSVP to WM Gary Pitcher. Lodge at 7:30 pm.

Mar 18<sup>th</sup> MFLA meets at 10 am - followed at 11 am with the beginning of Lodge Proficiency program.

Mar 20<sup>th</sup> Royal Arch, dinner at 6:30 p., meeting at 7:30 pm.

Mar 21<sup>st</sup> Kulshan Int. stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm.

Mar 27<sup>th</sup> Ferndale special, Potluck dinner and Game Night—6 pm.

Mar 28<sup>th</sup> Fairhaven special - 7:30 pm.

**"I SEE YOU HAVE TRAVELED SOME"**

Wherever you may chance to be;  
Wherever you may roam,  
Far away in Foreign lands,  
Or just at home, Sweet Home,  
It always gives you pleasure,  
It makes your Heartstrings hum  
Just to hear these words of cheer,  
I See You've Traveled Some."

When you get the brother's greetings,  
As he takes you by the hand,  
It thrills you with the feeling  
That you cannot understand,  
You feel that bond of brotherhood,  
That aid is sure to come  
When you hear said in a friendly way  
"I See You've Traveled Some."

And if you are a stranger,  
In strange lands now all alone,  
If fate has left you stranded...  
Dead broke and far from home;  
Oh! It's a grand and glorious feeling,  
It thrills you, makes you dumb...  
When he says with a grip of fellowship  
"I See You've Traveled Some."

And when your final summons comes,  
To make that last long trip,  
Adorned with Lambskin Apron White  
And Gems of Fellowship;  
The Tyler of the Golden Gate,  
With square and rule and plumb  
Will size up your life and say;  
"Welcome! I See You've Traveled Some."

(Author Unknown)

Greetings from the East:

I hope that everyone had a great New Year's and is now ready for spring. With our by-laws change last year, we were dark December and January and will be enjoying Lodge through the summer. During Christmas our JW, SW, and Master delivered flowers to our Brothers who haven't been able to attend Lodge.

The Lodge was asked by Chuckanut DeMolay to help cook for the Winter Sports Fest on March 4<sup>th</sup>, so, we will be cooking on Sat. night for the DeMolay at the Bellingham Masonic Center.

At our next Stated meeting, 3/13/06, we will be balloting on a petition for affiliation; come and find who it is! On March 14<sup>th</sup>, Lodge Members will be heading North to exchange our Emblem with Progress 87.

WB Pat Kelly had a marvelous idea for our Lodge last year, which I hope to continue. On our 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Special Communications I would like for us to host a Potluck Dinner (6 pm) and Game night at the Lodge. It really helps bring the Lodge together; oh! and THESE ARE FOR ALL, so friends and family can come and enjoy good fellowship with us.

Please keep our brothers in your prayers as we have several who are having various ailments and are under doctor's care.

Fraternally,  
Don Loughmiller WM

**MFLA Report**

The Masonic Family Leadership Association met on Sat. Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, and the turn-out was good. A motion was made to change the By-laws regarding who are voting members and who are associate members. After requesting input from our various Masonic groups it became apparent that most concordant bodies did not wish to be regular active attendees or members of MFLA. Several of the lodge brothers present expressed a desire for MFLA to return to its roots, and so, that was what those in attendance decided to do. If the By-law change passes next meeting, voting members will be Masons of District No. Ten and Associate members will be those who belong to any Masonic organization who wishes to attend meetings.

**Masonic Education Council**

The annual Student Citizen-Scholar Awards Program is just around the corner, Wednesday April 26th, 2006. Before long you should receive a request from your lodge to help fund the scholarships which are given to the outstanding Junior Class boys and girls from our local public high schools. Please donate as generously as your financially cable tow will allow.

**Remember:** as you may recall freemasons were at the forefront of the establishment of our nation's public school system, in the belief that an educated citizenry was the best defense against political, religious and social tyranny. Free-thinking must be guarded.



# Scottish Rite

Calendar of  
Coming Events

## March 2006

### Mar. 1

Dinner at 6:30 \$5 Scottish Rite Masons - No charge to non members.

### Mar. 22

Remembrance and Renewal Dinner - Reservation are required to:

[secretary@scottish-rite.com](mailto:secretary@scottish-rite.com)  
or phone 360-733-1103 -  
Cost \$10 each -Ladies and  
quests invited

## April 2006

### Apr. 5

Dinner at 6:30 \$5 Scottish Rite Masons - No charge to non members  
Stated Meeting at 7:30

### April 26

Dinner 6:30  
Board Meeting 7:00

## May 2006

### May 3

Dinner at 6:30 \$5 Scottish Rite Masons - No charge to non members  
Stated Meeting at 7:30

### May 24

Consistory Banquet Dinner -  
Reservation required to:  
[secretary@scottish-rite.com](mailto:secretary@scottish-rite.com)  
or phone 360-733-1103 -  
Cost \$10 each -Ladies and  
quests invited.

Thank you,  
John Sleeth  
General Secretary

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:

John F. Browne PO Box 1895  
Maple Falls, WA. 98266  
e-mail: [jbrowne@telcomplus.net](mailto:jbrowne@telcomplus.net)



# NW Shrine Club

The Northwest Shrine Club would like to welcome our newest member, Noble Jason Olson, who went through the cold sands at our February meeting. Also our own Noble Greg Cory was installed as President of the NWSC. Noble Greg was rushed to the hospital on January 20, 2006, before he could be installed.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday March 7, 2006 at "OUR HOUSE DELI" Menu for the evening will be, Roast Beef, Red Potatoes, Veggies, Salad, Rolls, Coffee & Dessert. Zem Zem at 6:00 P.M. Dinner at 7:00 P.M. Meeting at 8:00 P.M. Call Noble Ron Fine at 360-676-5747 or E-mail me at [RonFine2@aol.com](mailto:RonFine2@aol.com) , For reservations.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY MARCH 2, 2006.

It is with great sadness to report that the Black Camel paid us a visit. Noble Vern O. Larson passed on Wednesday January 18, 2006, Noble Vern was a member of this club for many years.

The 50 year Anniversary pins are on sale for \$5.00 ea; all members received one free. Again a special Thank You to Noble Don Higgerson for his great design of the pin. If you know of a Noble who is ill or needs help call me at 360-676-5747.

Your's in Faith

Ron Fine, Secretary  
NWSC



## KING'S QUOTE'S

The vices of the rich and great are mistaken for errors; and those of the poor and lowly, for crimes.

Marguerite Gardiner,  
Countess of Blessington

## FUN coming to the Nile Shrine Center

The Shurtah Unit of the Nile Shrine Center is proud to present its "Saturday Night at the Fights" on April 15, 2006, at the Nile Shrine Center in Edmonds....

These junior champions (ages 8 - 18 yrs. old) will be competing in the Amateur Ranks on this evening from 6:00 p.m. -- 10:30 p.m....

Admission: Children under 5 yrs. = free  
Children/Adults = \$12.00  
Family (4-persons) = \$25.00

All food items = \$1.00  
Refreshments = \$1.00 (sodas, water)  
Mount Lake Terrace Micro-Brewery = \$1.00/glass

This past October 2005 we had an attendance of 500-people, and we are looking to increase the attendance this year....

Dr. Skipp Metzger  
Secretary  
Shurtah Unit  
Nile Shrine Center

For more information please call or email me  
(360) 756-8272 residence  
E-mail: [skipmetzger@bigplanet.com](mailto:skipmetzger@bigplanet.com)

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## Masonic Family Organizations in District No. 10

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
			<p><b>1</b> Valley of Bellingham Scottish Rite, dinner 6:30 p., meeting at 7:30 p.                      SJ # 175-stated                      Opens at 7:30 p. (FHMC)                      Ash Wednesday</p>	<p><b>2</b> L # 56-hosts the Deputy Grand Masters at their stated meeting 7:30 p. (FMC)                      See our Ad                      Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay Opens at 7 p. (BMC)</p>	<p><b>3</b> BB # 44-stated                      Dinner at 6:30 (RSVP WM Gary Pitcher), lodge at 7:30</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 5 p. Commandery at (BMC)                      F-OES #223                      Opens at 7:30 p. (FMC)</p>	<p><b>7</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC)                      Opening at 7:30 p.                      KI # 186 special lodge opens at 7:30 p. (FMC)</p>	<p><b>8</b> NV # 105-stated                      Opens at 7:30 p. BBay 44 is bringing the Traveling Light. (NMC)</p>	<p><b>9</b> Bethel # 25 JD, the Bethel opens at 7 p. (BMC)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> York Rite hosts the Grand Master for a noon dinner at W. Maplewood.                      See our Ad.</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> F #264-stated lodge opens 7:30 p. (FMC).</p>	<p><b>14</b> F # 73-stated                      Opening at 7:30 p. (BMC)                      Evergreen RB # 17                      The Assembly opens at 7 p. (FMC)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> W 151-stated -                      Dinner 5:30 p. lodge opens at 6:30 p. A Fellowship Degree is planned BMC)</p>	<p><b>17</b> BB # 44 - Special - the lodge is hosting the OV of VW Glenn Hutchings DGM.                      Dinner at 6:30 (RSVP WM Gary Pitcher), lodge at 7:30 p.</p>	<p><b>18</b>                      Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay                      Opens at 7 p. (BMC)</p>
<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> Royal Arch (BMC)                      dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 p.                      F-OES #223                      Opens at 7:30 p. (FMC)  <b>National Agriculture Day</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> KI # 186-stated                      Opening at 7:30 p. (FMC)                      ML-OES # 58                      Opening at 7:30 p. (BMC)</p>	<p><b>22</b> Scottish Rite hosts: Remembrance and Renewal Dinner. Reservations are required - see page 3.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Maplewood TB meets at 7:30 p. (BMC)</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> Bethel # 25 JD the Bethel opens at 7 p. (BMC)</p>
<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> F #264- special Potluck dinner &amp; game night 6 p. (FMC) All are invited to attend.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Evergreen RB # 17                      Opening at 7 p. (FMC)                      Fairhaven #73 special, lodge opens at 7:30 p.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	