



"Do not go where the path may lead,  
go instead where there is no path  
and leave a trail."

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## Hands across the Border

On Thursday, **March 6<sup>th</sup>**, Lynden Lodge hosts the Deputy Grand Master of Washington, RW Doug Tucker and the Deputy Grand Master of British Columbia and Yukon, RW R Glenn Allen at the Spring "Hands Across the Border" dinner. The main course will be prime rib or salmon. This is a Masons only dinner, a filed lodge will follow at 7:30 pm. Mark your calendars for **March 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Location: Ferndale Masonic Center.

Time: Social at 5:30 and Dinner will be served at 6 PM

Cost: **\$15** For Tickets call me at **392-0145**.

Please support Lynden Lodge by attending. Thanks!

Fraternally, *Dick Decima*

**Whatcom Lodge Report:** Whatcom Lodge recently Raised two new Master Masons: Bro. Scott Voss was Raised on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> and Bro. Tim Johnson was Raised on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. We also Passed Bro. Daniel Brendible to the FC Degree on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. All three of these degrees were well attended and the Whatcom brothers wish to thank the brethren from our sister lodges who lent us a hand. On Thursday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> we will Raise Bro. Warren McKenzie to the Sublime Degree. Dinner at 5:30 PM, Lodge to begin opening at 6:30 PM.

**Stated Meeting - 2-21-08: NOTICE!** Proposal to Amend By-laws. Our secretary, John Browne, read the following motion to amend the Whatcom Lodge By-laws:

*To the Brothers of Whatcom Lodge No. 151. I move that the By-laws of Whatcom Lodge No. 151 be amended as follows:*

Article II - Communications...to be changed

**From:**

Section 1. The Stated Communications of this Lodge shall be held on the Third Thursday of each month from September 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**To:**

Section 1. The Stated Communications of this Lodge shall be held on the Third Thursday of each month.

The effect of this change will mean that Whatcom Lodge will no longer Go Dark in the months of July and August. This will allow the lodge to act on petitions for membership and conduct other such business as needed. This motion will be set for discussion and vote at our March 20<sup>th</sup>, Stated Meeting.

Whatcom Lodge is planning a Spring Fling social event for Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Bellingham Masonic Center. Dinner and Square Dancing are on the agenda for the entertainment of our guests. The details are being worked out now but mark your calendar so you don't miss out.

As always, we'd like to hear from our brothers to make sure we're serving the needs of all our members, as much as possible. My contact info is on page 4 - John Browne

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Mar 5<sup>th</sup> San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm

Mar 6<sup>th</sup> Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm

Mar 7<sup>th</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Mar 10<sup>th</sup> Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 p

Mar 11<sup>th</sup> Fairhaven Lodge - 7:30

Mar 12<sup>th</sup> Nooksack Valley Ldg - 7:30

Mar 18<sup>th</sup> Kulshan Int. Lodge - 7:30 p

Mar 20<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30: meeting at 6:30 pm.

"It is a sad fate  
For a man to die  
So well known  
By everybody else  
And still unknown  
To himself"

*Francis Bacon*



## KING'S QUOTE'S

A young boy,  
tired of following rules, asked,  
"Dad, when will I be old enough  
to do as I please?"  
His father answered,  
"I just don't know, son.  
No male has ever lived that long."

From The American Legion Magazine,  
Nov. 2006

## Lynden Lodge on the move

Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Judge Scholarship & Educator of the Year	TBA
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	Announce Scholarship recipients & Educator	TBA
Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hands Across Border Din. 6 PM	Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	MFLA, Fairhaven #73 hosting	10:00 AM
Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	Special Communication - FC Deg	7:30 PM

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

### LYNDEN LODGE RUMMAGE SALE

The Lynden Lodge Rummage Sale, this past Friday and Saturday to raise funds for our philanthropies, was a great success! We made about \$800 and, even though we did not have any "big ticket" items this time, thousands of items were sold. For those who contributed merchandise, time and energy, I wish to thank you for making this event so successful. Lynden brothers, who were present during the selling periods, enjoyed the interrelationship with the people who came to the sale. It all was very positive!

Special thanks to Bro. John Sleeth and Bro. Jerry Mason who provided trucks and worked diligently to transport and unload items at the Lodge Hall and then repack and transport the remaining items back to our storage area. Bro. Jack Sprouls saw that refreshments were available and his presence during the setup on Thursday and during both sales days was very much appreciated. Bro. Travis Graddon helped during the setup as well. Finally, last but certainly not least, Bro. Dick Myhre, Bro. Glenn Boodey, Barb Arnett and Susan Decima were present from start to finish, on Thursday during setup and on the sales days, Friday and Saturday. And, of course, we can't forget our banker Bro. Gordon Grahame.

### LYNDEN LODGE DEGREES

Lynden Lodge has raised two new Master Masons! On Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> the sublime degree of Master Mason was conferred on Bro. Jerry Mason and Travis Graddon. Both these brothers have been very active in events in Lodges throughout the District since their initiation in November.

On Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Ferndale Masonic Center, Howard Gregory Hanna will be initiated into the hidden mysteries of Masonry. This degree will be put on entirely by Lynden Lodge members (including one honorary member). Please try to be a side-liner that evening to welcome Howard into our fraternity.

In order to help us keep track of individuals who have shown an interest in Masonry, Lynden Lodge is maintaining a list of their names along with the name of the brother who provided them with a Masonic brochure or simply answered questions about the fraternity. This list is extremely helpful to me as the Worshipful Master as it gives me an opportunity to ask the brothers whether or not any subsequent conversations about Masonry have taken place. Hopefully, these actions will result in more individuals petitioning the Lodge.

Brothers, Lynden Lodge IS on the move!!

WB Dick Decima, WM Lynen Lodge No. 56

## NW Shrine Club

On Tuesday March 4, 2008, the Northwest Shrine Club will hold their dinner meeting at the Scottish Rite Hall at 1101 N. State Street. The meal will be prepared by Fool's Onion; the menu for the evening will be: Roast Beef, Gravy, Red Potatoes, Veggies in season, Salad, Rolls, Coffee & Dessert all for the price of \$17.00 per person.

At our February meeting Noble Travis Rohrer gave a power point presentation on a Raffle fund raising project, there was a motion made, seconded, and passed that we go ahead with this project after all legalities are settled with the State and Nile.

At the Scottish Rite Hall there is parking on the street and after 6:00 P.M. you may park in the Credit Union parking lot, but you must leave the last 2 spots by the door open for the cleaning crews. For reservations call Noble Ron Fine at 360-676-5747 or E-mail me at [RonFine2@aol.com](mailto:RonFine2@aol.com) DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY FEBURARY 28, 2008.

Noble President John Shorthill has set up a web site for the club it's [www.northwestshrineclub.org](http://www.northwestshrineclub.org), so I guess I can say we are now in the 21st Century. Thank you Noble John. We are off to a great start and looking forward to new adventures with the club. The sunshine committee has been busy, again with the following Nobles and Ladies who've been ill, Noble Warren Stewart Jr. is still in the Bellingham Healthcare room 39. It was reported that Noble Gene Callen was helped out of bed and has taken his first walk since breaking his hip; he's at Evergreen Care & Rehab; Noble Sam Silverman is up and about now and doing well. He was able to attend our last dinner meeting. Lady Sharon Springstead is doing better and she also was able to attend our last dinner meeting, Lady Laura James has some minor surgery and is recovering at home. I received word that one of our long time members Robert Holt is in a nursing home in Austin Texas. I will endeavor to get the address so we may send a card off to him. We wish all the Nobles and Ladies well and a speedy recovery. See you all at our March meeting.

Ron Fine, Secretary *NWSC*

## KULSHAN INTERNATIONAL LODGE NO.186

As 2008 gets under way I want to take this opportunity to extend your lodges' best wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year.

As you know Kulshan Int. Lodge is now meeting at the Ferndale Masonic Center at 7:30 P.M. on the third Tuesday of each month. We are delighted to have received new members and have additional applications which will be submitted in the near future.

Please let me know if you have any problem in getting to our meetings. I will arrange for one of your Brothers to provide you with a ride if you do not drive at night, or, if you have any other difficulty with which we might help.

Kulshan Int. Lodge will shortly start sending out a monthly Lodge newsletter. Please let me know if you have an E-mail address or a new telephone number. Feel free to contact me at 360-318-1806 or by E-mail at [carey.james2@verizon.net](mailto:carey.james2@verizon.net). My home address is 174 W. Wiser Lake Road, Ferndale, WA 98248 if you wish to contact me by mail. My brothers, lodge is a time for mutual support and fellowship and I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting.

Faternally,  
Carey James, Worshipful Master

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

### ***March 2008***

***Saturday the 1st*** Highway Cleanup, see Ad p-4, Breakfast too!!!

***Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup>*** Practice at 7 PM for #44 Entered Apprentice degree at Scottish Rite Hall.

***Friday the 7<sup>th</sup>*** Stated meeting at 7:30 on the Entered Apprentice Degree. Also confer an Entered Apprentice degree.

***Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>*** Jobs Daughters official visit at Maplewood Center. Time to be established. Also tentatively there will be a memorial service for VWB Bill McCallum at noon at the Ferndale Masonic Center.

***Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>*** Maple Leaf OES will have a fundraiser breakfast at the Maplewood Center from 8 until 11 AM.

***Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>*** Practice at 7 PM for #44 Fellowcraft degree at Scottish Rite Hall.

***Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup>*** Attend Nooksack Valley meeting at 6:00. After opening they go to refreshment for the purpose of having dinner.

***Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>*** Special at 7:30 PM to confer a FC Degree.

***Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>*** Attend Evergreen Rainbow Assembly meeting at 7 PM.

WM Gary Pitcher

### ***Masonic Leadership Association—Report***

Brethren of District #10:

Yesterday, Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup>, the MLA held its second meeting of 2008. Every Masonic Lodge in the District was represented with the exception of San Juan Lodge #175 who has a great distance to travel. Our San Juan brothers have been cordially invited to attend our monthly meetings with the offer to pick them up at the ferry terminal and bring them back there.

Once again, it was a great turnout as the number of Masons present at this meeting exceeded the number at the January meeting and was over double the number at the February 2007 meeting. Ferndale Lodge #264 was the host and provided a generous offering of pastries, coffee and tea. We thank them for their hospitality!

At the January meeting, the Master of each Lodge was asked to appoint one brother who would bring news from the Lodge to the MLA and report key points from the MLA meeting back to the Lodge. Almost all of the Masters have made this appointment. By doing so, both the Lodge and the MLA will benefit! All Masters, officers, new Masons and anyone else interested in moving Masonry forward in our District is encouraged to attend these monthly meetings. These individuals are the leaders of Masonry in District 10 and need to be there.

Bro. Ken Gass reported that early contributions for the Masonic Education Council for 2008 already exceeded \$4,000 from 74 donors. Any Mason, who has not yet mailed in his contribution, is requested to do so. Awards will be made at the B'ham Masonic Ctr. on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Ferndale Lodge No. 264***

Ferndale Lodge is back from its Winter break and has hit the ground at a dead run!

We will confer a first degree on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and our hope is that our sidelines will be filled to capacity! We read a Petition for the Degrees of Masonry at our Feb. Stated and, depending on the Investigating Committee's report, will be scheduling another E.A. Degree in the near future.

We have another Petition for the degrees pending and our hope is that it will be ready for reading at our March Stated. Needless to say, we have a very busy year ahead of us and will be asking for help as needed.

In December we were saddened by the passing of a long time member of Masonry and our Lodge, VWB William J. McCallum. He was called to the Celestial Lodge on December 23<sup>rd</sup> after a valiant battle with cancer. He will be sorely missed by Masonry and all who knew him.

Another Brother of our Lodge, Bro Gene Callen, fell and broke his hip and is currently recovering at Evergreen Nursing Home on Cordata Parkway. WB Earl Granger is home and recovering from bypass surgery. Our prayers and best wishes are for their speedy and complete recovery! Our prayers and thoughts are also with all our other shut-in Brothers.

Our March Stated will be busy but WM Barquist can cover a lot of ground in a short period of time so don't be put off by the prospects of a long boring business meeting - come on out and join us! We will open on the First degree, so bring your new Masons with you.

Everett Thompson, Secretary, Ferndale #264

A proposed change to the By-laws, whereby the MLA meetings would be held on the date and at the time of the special monthly meeting of the host Lodge instead of on Saturday mornings, was soundly defeated. The MLA will continue meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 10:00 AM for the months of January through November with the exception of May in which the meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. No meetings will be held in June, July August or December.

Other topics discussed at the meeting included the Traveling Light and Traveling Gavel, Grand Lodge floats, Widows and Orphans, Youth Groups, District 10 calendar, voluntary assessments, District 10 brochures, MLA domain name, MLA/MEC relationship, the new bank account and Bro. George Washington's portrait for schools. Declining membership also was discussed and there will be more, much more, in future meetings on this very important subject with emphasis on what can be done to reverse the decline.

There was a lucky winner of the door prize of two tickets to the Mount Baker Theatre performance of *JIGU! Thunder Drums of China* on March 2, 2008 courtesy of VWB John Sleeth.

All this in an hour and forty minutes and the next meeting will not last as long. ***This is how Masons work!!!***

The next MLA meeting is on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the Bellingham Masonic Center on Maplewood Avenue. There will be a Door Prize!! Fairhaven Lodge #73 will be the host. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there. Your participation in these meetings is essential to the growth of Masonry in District #10. We would like you to be with us.

Fraternally, Dick Decima, *President 2008*



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 align="center"><b>"We must build a new world, a far better world ---- one in which                      the eternal dignity of man is respected."</b></p> <p align="center">MWB Harry S. Truman</p>						<p><b>1</b> Highway clean-up &amp; Jobie All you can eat breakfast see Ads below</p>
<p><b>2</b> BB # 44 is holding a EA practice 7pm</p>	<p><b>3</b> Hesp Comdry No. 8, din 6:30, meet 7:30 p. (BMC) F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)</p>	<p><b>4</b> ML # 58 -OES (BMC) 7:30 p.</p>	<p><b>5</b> SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC) V-Bellingham Scottish Rite: D-6:30; M_7:30</p>	<p><b>6</b> L # 56 stated 7:30 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7 p. (BMC)</p>	<p><b>7</b> BB # 44 stated 7:30 p (SRH)</p>	<p><b>8</b> Bethel #25 JDI, OVG (BMC)</p>
<p><b>9</b> BB # 44 tp hold a FC practice at 7 pm. ML #58 - Fund Raiser Breakfast from 8 to 11 am</p>	<p><b>10</b> F #264 stated 7:30 p. Bellingham Council No.16 R&amp;SM at (BMC) din 6:30, meet 7:30 p.</p>	<p><b>11</b> F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)</p>	<p><b>12</b> NV # 105 stated 7:30 p. (NMC)</p>	<p><b>13</b> Bethel # 25 JDI, 7 p. (BMC)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7 p. (BMC) MFLA at 10 am, host is Fairhaven 373</p>
<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> Bellingham Chap Royal Arch (din 6:30, meet 7:30 (BMC) F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC) <i>St. Patrick's Day</i></p>	<p><b>18</b> KI # 186-stated 7:30 p. ML # 58 -OES 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Brd Meeting</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> W 151-stated dinner 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm L # 56 special 7:30</p>	<p><b>21</b> BB 44 Spl. 7:30 p. (SRH)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> F #264 Special 7:30 p.</p>	<p><b>25</b> F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> W 151 - Spl Com 6: p</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p>Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)</p>				

**First Highway Clean Up of the 2008 Year!**

The Famous Jobie Breakfast **Is BACK!**

ALL you can eat, only **\$5<sup>00</sup>**

Scrambled eggs, pancakes, orange juice, bacon, ham, sausage and our famous scones.

8 am to 11 am

Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

Bellingham Masonic Center  
 at 2626 W. Maplewood Ave.

Saturday, March 1 will be the first Masonic highway cleaning of 2008. We will leave close to 9:00 AM from the backside of the 2626 W. Maplewood Temple and clean for 90 minutes, RAIN or SHINE. The first 12 signed up by day of the cleaning will participate. Why am I expecting a bigger turnout than usual?

- First, we will have a Jobie fund raiser breakfast before from 8 - 9 AM (usually \$5 for all you can eat).
- Second, we expect a WA DOT representative to be on hand at 2626 before we leave to take the picture of our cleaning crew to honor our status as one of the oldest in the region, starting our 18<sup>th</sup> year of volunteer cleaning!

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