



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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The Master's

Trestle-board

The District Meeting, which our lodge hosted, went off with nary a hitch. That of course was due to the fine assistance we were rendered by our brothers and sisters within the Masonic Family. So, I have the following thank-yous to extend: to the caterers, who fixed a very fine lunch; to Melba Mayfield, Michaela Stone, Aundrea Acosta and Tiffany Springstead of the Ferndale Rainbow Assembly for severing and clean-up; to WB Thom Baughn who also served and generally did what needed to be done; to the Clan Heather Dancers for their excellent talents in entertaining our ladies; to WB Ken Gass for filling in as Secretary; Bro. Charles Cunningham for being our SD; WB George Quiggle for sitting in as SW; VW Russ Gran for sitting in as Marshal - Thank you!

There is one more thank-you which needs to be given and that is to you, the brothers of Whatcom Lodge. Our lodge received a Pillars of Progress Award for Community Involvement. It is your willingness to provide your time and funds for: the MEC & H. M. Terpenning Educational scholarships, for the boys & girls sports teams, for the support of our Masonic Youth and support of our Teacher Recognition Program, which resulted in our lodge being awarded this Pillar of Progress plaque- Thank-you brethren!

I am sure this award will not cause us to sit on our laurels. Enjoy the mo-

Whatcom Hosts District No. 10 Meeting

On Saturday May 8th, Whatcom Lodge played host to the District Ten Meeting and Reception of the Grand Master, MW John D. McNab. The festivities began with a historic photo-shoot. WB Rick Keine, WM of Bellingham Bay Lodge, asked that the brothers of the three city lodges gather out front of the Scottish Rite Masonic Hall for a photo. The Scottish Rite hall turns 99 years old this Fall. The sun peeked out of the morning clouds and I think a number of nice images were captured by at least two photographers. After the pictures were taken we began the meeting.

The Tyler's Register has 41 signatures of members and visitors, and, in addition to these men there were a number of wives and helpers present at the luncheon. The meeting itself was pretty much the usual scripted format but it went by smoothly and quickly. The speakers were brief but focused in their comments. The roll of mentoring was stressed by RW Al Jorgensen. RW Sat Tashiro noted that signs indicate that we may have reached our low point in membership, the numbers show a slight increase but we still need to get our message out into the public view. MW John D. McNab spoke on a variety of topics and in particular praised District Ten for its fraternalism and commitment to and support of our youth, especially in the area of educational scholarships. The Grand Master noted that San Juan Lodge has submitted a proposal to do some renovations to the Roche Harbor Mausoleum which is suffering the ravages of time. MWB John reported that the 3rd degree electronic lecture is done and work is beginning on one for the 2nd, which is why renovating the Roche Harbor mausoleum is a good idea; because it is desirable to use scenes from the outdoor degree in the electronic lecture.

GM McNab finished up his talk by turning to
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ment, but in a few days we'll be back at labor in the quarries of Masonic values and activity.

Sincerely,
WM Glenn W. Hutchings

Everyone takes the limits of his own vision for the limits of the world.

ARTHUR SCHOPENHAUER
Philosopher (1788-1860)



KING S QUOTE'S

IF YOU DON T HAVE A
SENSE OF HUMOR, YOU
PROBABLY DON T HAVE
MUCH SENSE AT ALL.

Calendar of Events

May 20th Stated Meeting. Lodge will open at 6:30 PM., then go L to R for a light meal, then back to L for business.

May 22nd Filipino Day at Lynden Lodge. Begins at 4 PM.

May 29th Whatcom hosts the Masonic Float in the Ski to Sea Parade come help out, march in the parade.

Jun 3rd No Special, rather, be at the Ski to Sea Parade and Masonic Float on May 29th, see above.

Jun 5th MFLA at W. Maplewood, it starts at 10 AM.

Jun 5th Highland Games at Hovander Homestead Park in Ferndale

June 10-12th Grand Lodge, it is being held in Wenatchee this year.

Jun 17th Stated Meeting. Lodge will open at 6:30 PM., then go L to R for a light meal, then back to L for business.

July 10-11th Summer Festival in Everson, come join Nooksack Valley Lodge in some good old fun.

July 22-25th Pioneer Days, at Pioneer Park in Ferndale.

Aug 1st The Masonic Family picnic at Cornwall Park—covered area. Begins at noon and runs until 3 PM.

District Meeting continued...

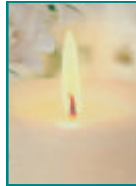
his motto for this year, Mentoring. He pointed out that the one area of loss of membership, upon which mentoring might have the greatest impact, is NPDs (non payment of dues). MWB John notes that a good mentoring program might help us to retain those members who fall away from apparent disinterest. Keeping brothers engaged, informed on ritual and participatory in activities just might translate into continued membership, we won't know unless we try. The business portion of the District Meeting, having been completed, MWB John D. McNab closed Whatcom Lodge in ample form at 10:30 AM H&HP.

After the meeting we had a very fine lunch in the main floor dining room. One of the Highlights was the presentation of the Pillars of Progress Awards. Five lodges received POP awards as follows, in the noted categories: for Fraternalism - Bellingham Bay Lodge #44 & Lynden Lodge #56; for Cooperation with Concordant Bodies - Fairhaven Lodge #73 and for Community Involvement - Whatcom Lodge #151 & San Juan Lodge #175. The POP Awards were presented by RW Sat Tashiro; receiving the plaques were: VW Byron Swedberg for Bellingham Bay #44; WM - VW Frank Juntunen for Lynden Lodge #56; WM - WB Blair Thisted for Fairhaven #73 and WM - WB Glenn Hutchings for Whatcom #151. The POP plaque awarded to San Juan Lodge was presented to WM - WB Glen Gullickson by RW Sat at the Outdoor FC Degree at Roche Harbor on May 15th, 2004.

Every once in awhile a non-mason comes to light who exhibits such dedication to the craft as to warrant special recognition. We had such an occasion at this meeting. A Meritorious Citizen Award was presented to Ms. Frances Estabrook for her dedication and devotion to Masonry by making sure her father, WB Leland Dodson, could attend Masonic events after his ability to drive was denied him by his advanced years. But Frances also earned our respect by pitching in whenever she saw a task needed to be done. The plaque for this award was presented to Ms. Frances Estabrook at the Lynden Lodge meeting which took place on May 13th, 2004.

The other high-point of this district event was the presentation of the Grand Master's Achievement Award. The GM's Achievement Award in District No. 10, for MWB John D. McNab's term, was granted to WB George P. Edwards. WB George is one of those rare men who seem to be everywhere and who do not know the meaning of "no" or "I can't." George had left the lunch early to check on his wife Judy and so he was presented his plaque at his home on Monday May 10th, 2004; he was one surprised Mason - *Congratulations!*

Until next time-be well. **John F. Browne**
DDGM in Dist. No. 10



A Little Light in masonry! A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting." *Submitted by Bro. Ted McQuiston - Tyler*

Inner Strength

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills.

If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains.

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles.

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it.

If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time.

If you can overlook when people take things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong.

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment.

If you can face the world without lies and deceit.

If you can conquer tension without medical help.

If you can relax without alcohol.

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs.

If you can do all these things.

Well, then, you are probably the family dog!

Ashok Mahbubani

Hong Kong

Submitted by Bro. Ted McQuiston - Tyler

The Parable Above

Brother Ted McQuiston has been doing some Masonic research on the internet and has passed along some gems to your editor/secretary. The parable in the column above is particularly noteworthy, it speaks to the very heart of what fraternalism is all about. Since assuming the roll of District Deputy, I have gained a much greater appreciation for visiting other lodges. Since I volunteered to be on the Ferndale Rainbow Advisory Board I have a deeper sense of being in a Masonic Family. I wonder how anyone can read the story above and not be inspired to get back into lodge, I hope it does.

Fraternally, John F. Browne

Filipino Day

Looking for some exotic food, fun and fellowship, look no further! Lynden Lodge has an event we're sure to enjoy. On Saturday May 22nd, 2004, the action begins at 4 PM, at the Laurel Grange Hall 6172 Guide Meridian. Entertainment begins at 4 PM and the food will be served at 5 PM. I believe the cost is a very low \$5.00 per person.

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