



# Letters from District No. 10

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May 2006

## The Annual Outdoor Fellowcraft Degree

**Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Come to beautiful San Juan Island  
and enjoy a magical experience!*

*May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 is the Outdoor Fellowcraft and salmon barbecue annually hosted by San Juan Lodge # 175 on San Juan Island. The degree is conferred at the McMillen mausoleum at Roche Harbor. This event has been going on for almost 40 years and has been enjoyed by hundreds of Masons because of the special setting, good food and building of bands of brotherhood.*

*The cost is \$15 for 1 or \$25 for 2, including dinner and transportation to Roche Harbor and back.*

*There is a ferry departing Anacortes at 9:35 am., direct to Friday Harbor (be in line earlier if you drive). You can walk the 3 blocks to the lodge or we will have transportation to pick people up. The salmon dinner will be served starting at 11 am. And afterwards buses will take the men out to Roche Harbor. The ladies may stay in town, plenty of shopping or just looking around the town and the port. The ferry returns to Anacortes at 4:15 pm and arrives at 5:35 pm.*

*You don't need to bring a car, just walk on!*

For more information you may call WM Kent Meeker, San Juan Lodge #175

At: 360-317-4461 or email: [kent@kentmeeker.com](mailto:kent@kentmeeker.com)

or Web site: [www.sanjuanlodge.com](http://www.sanjuanlodge.com)

## Calendar

### of Lodge Events

**Apr 29<sup>th</sup>** Pizza, Live Auction, movies and dessert-hosted by Bethel 25 Job's Daughter, 6:30 p. at the B'ham Masonic Ctr. W. Maplewood. **Ad on p. 3**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** Kulshan Int. 186 special communication.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** San Juan 175 stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** Lynden 56 stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm.

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** Bellingham Bay 44 stated meeting, Dinner is at 6:30 - RSVP to WM Gary Pitcher. Lodge at 7:30 pm.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** Ferndale 264 stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm. Past Master's Night.

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** Fairhaven 73 stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** Nooksack Valley stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** MFLA meets at 10 am - followed at 11 am with the Lodge Proficiency program.

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** Kulshan Int. stated meeting, lodge opens at 7:30 pm.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** Whatcom stated meeting, dinner at 5:45 pm. open at 6:30 pm.

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** Ferndale special, a Fellowcraft Degree is planned, lodge opens at 7:30 pm.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>** Fairhaven 73 special communication.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** Scottish Rite Board Meets. Dinner at 6:30 - Meeting at 7:00

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** Scottish Rite Board Meeting, dinner at 6:30 meeting at 7:30 pm.

Real happiness is cheap enough,  
but how dearly we pay  
for its counterfeit.

~ Hosea Ballou

## Ferndale Lodge No. 264

At our stated meeting on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, we will hold our annual Past Master's Night. Lodge opens at 7:30 pm.

Ferndale Lodge has a Fellowcraft Degree planned for our special communication on Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, and we invite all Fellowcraft and Master Masons to attend. Lodge opens at 7:30 pm.

Looking ahead into the month of June Ferndale Lodge will hold its annual election of officers at the June stated meeting, Monday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

*Fraternally, W.M. Don Loughmiller*

Valley of Bellingham

**S c o t t i s h  
R i t e**

Calendar of  
Coming Events



### May 2006

**May 3** Stated Meeting  
Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30

**May 24** Board Meeting  
Dinner 6 - Meeting 7:30

**May 31**  
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.

### 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

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:

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Every man ought to be inquisitive through every hour  
of his great adventure down to the day  
when he shall no longer cast a shadow in the sun.  
For if he dies without a question in his heart,  
what excuse is there for his continuance?

*~ Frank Moore Colby*

## Memorial Day Ceremonies

at the  
Lynden Cemetery

Memorial Day ceremonies will be held at the Lynden Cemetery on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> commencing at 10 A.M.

Ceremonies will begin with the raising of the colors by Lynden V.F.W. Post #9301 after which the Memorial to the Unknowns will be re-dedicated and memorialized with a bronze plaque which was donated by Alan and Debby Baron. The veterans' portion of the ceremony will conclude with a gun salute by the U.S. Marine Color Guard from the Whidbey Island Detachment followed by the playing of taps.

Mr. Pete Kremen, County Executive, will dedicate the placement of 112 bronze memorial markers for veterans from the Civil War, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War. Funds for these markers have been provided to Cemetery District 10 by the following benefactors: *Jim Hale & Family, Bob & Judy Kildall & Family, Faber Brothers Construction, Gillies Funeral Home, Moles of Lynden, Lynden Sheet Metal, Safeway and Lynden V.F.W. Post #9301.*

Lynden Mayor Jack Louws will dedicate a bronze plaque that traces the history of the Lynden Cemetery back to 1889. At Memorial Day ceremonies in 2005, the gravesite of Phoebe Judson, the "Mother of Lynden," was declared a historic site. This year, the commissioners will dedicate a bronze plaque to memorialize her resting place.

Parking is available in the Whatcom Transit Authority parking lot adjacent to the cemetery. The public is urged to attend.

Contact Bro. Richard H. Decima (Lynden Lodge #56) at 360-392-0145 if you have questions.



**KING'S QUOTE'S**

Success usually comes  
to those who are too busy  
to be looking for it.

*Henry David Thoreau*

How poor are they  
who have not patience!  
What wound did ever heal  
but by degrees.

*~ William Shakespeare,*  
1564 - 1616

Look not mournfully into the Past. It comes not back again.  
Wisely improve the Present. It is thine. Go forth to meet  
the shadowy Future, without fear, and with a manly heart.

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

## The First Masonic Funeral In California

Excerpted From the Book  
"Pioneer Masonry of the Golden State"  
By - Harry J. Gillingham

The first Masonic funeral that ever took place in California occurred in the year 1849. It was performed over the body of a Brother found drowned in San Francisco Bay.

An account of the ceremony states that on the body of the deceased was found the silver mark of a Mason, upon which was engraved the initials of his name. Further investigation revealed to the holders the most singular exhibition of Masonic emblems ever indelibly drawn on the human skin. Dotted on his left arm, in red and blue ink, appeared all the emblems of the Entered Apprentice. There were the Holy Bible, the square, the compass and the common gavel. There were also the mosaic pavement representing the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple, the tessellated border that surrounds it and the blazing star in the center. On his right arm were the emblems pertaining to the Fellowcraft: the plumb, the square and the level. There were also the five columns representing the five orders of architecture: the Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian and Composite columns. Removing the garments from his body revealed the trowel and all the working tools of operative masonry and the emblems pertaining to the degrees of a Master Mason. On his breast were the lights of Masonry. Over his heart was the pot of incense.

On other parts of his body were the bee-hive, the book of Constitutions guarded by the Tyler's sword, the sword pointing to a naked heart, the all-seeing eye, the anchor and ark, the hour-glass, the scythe, the 47th problem of Euclid, the Sun, Moon, Stars and Comet, the three steps emblematic of youth, manhood and age. Also executed was the weeping virgin reclining on a broken column, upon which lay the book of Constitutions. In her left hand, she held the pot of incense, the emblem of a pure heart; and in her uplifted hand a sprig of Acacia, the emblem of immortality of the soul. Immediately beneath her stood winged Time, with his scythe by his side, which cuts the brittle thread of life, and the hour-glass at his feet, which is ever reminding us that our lives are withering away. The withered and attenuated fingers of the destroyer delicately placed amid the flowing ringlets of the disconsolate mourner.

The brother's name, sadly, was never known. The mysterious stranger was buried with Masonic honors in the Yerba Buena cemetery since known as the "sand lot" in front of the City Hall.

*Submitted by: Brother Zack Carter*

## The BIG and LITTLE SiSters of Job's Daughter's International Bethel 25 are hosting

Pizza, Live Auction, movies & dessert with  
A Twist

Date/Time: Saturday, **April 29**

At 6:30 p.m. or directly after the meeting

Place: Bellingham Masonic Center  
2626 West Maplewood, Bellingham

Cost: admittance based on donation, \$5.00 for  
pizza or bring your own dinner and money to bid on  
a basket!

At the Live Auction, you can bid on secretly-filled baskets that include a movie, dessert and other surprises and then we will watch some movies, eat some dessert and play some games! All are welcome to stay the night with us at the Bellingham Masonic Center. In the morning, there will be breakfast. We will also be holding a meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Kristin White  
**756-2298** for more information or if you want to reserve front row seats for the live auctioning of baskets



## FELLOWSHIP DINNER AT GRAND LODGE

The Grand Commander of Scottish Rite will be the featured speaker at the Grand Lodge Fellowship Dinner, Thursday June 8, 2006 in Ocean Shores, WA. He has developed a reputation as an excellent motivational and inspirational Masonic speaker. This is an event you should try to attend.

Dinner tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance from the Grand Lodge Office, 47 St Helens Ave., Tacoma, WA 98402-2698. Be sure to tell them if you (and your wife) want prime rib or salmon.

If you are a Lodge Master, Warden or Past Master, you may register for Grand Lodge and exercise your vote. Registration is \$20 this year, payable at the registration desk.

When you send in your dinner reservations, request housing information - or check it out on the Grand Lodge web site [www.freemason-wa.org](http://www.freemason-wa.org)

*Bill Miller*

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> Hesperus Commandery No. 8 at (BMC) dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 p. F-OES #223 Opens at 7:30 p. (FMC)</p>	<p><b>2</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC) Opening at 7:30 p. KI # 186 special, lodge opens at 7:30 p. (FMC)</p>	<p><b>3</b> Valley of Bellingham Scottish Rite, dinner 6:30 p., meeting at 7:30 p. SJ # 175-stated Opens at 7:30 p. (FHMC)</p>	<p><b>4</b> L # 56- stated meeting 7:30 p. (FMC) See our Ad Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay Opens at 7 p. (BMC)</p>	<p><b>5</b> BB # 44-stated Dinner at 6:30 (RSVP WM Gary Pitcher), lodge at 7:30</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>8</b> F #264-stated comm. Past Masters Night, lodge opens 7:30 p. (FMC). Bellingham Council No. 16 R&amp;SM at (BMC) dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 p.</p>	<p><b>9</b> F # 73-stated Opening at 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 The Assembly opens at 7 p. (FMC)</p>	<p><b>10</b> NV # 105-stated Opens at 7:30 p. (NMC)</p>	<p><b>11</b> Bethel # 25 JD, the Bethel opens at 7 p. (BMC)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> MFLA begins at 10 am.</p>
<b>14</b>	<p><b>15</b> Bellingham Chapter Royal Arch (BMC) dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 p. F-OES #223 Opens at 7:30 p. (FMC)</p>	<p><b>16</b> KI # 186-stated Opening at 7:30 p. (FMC) ML-OES # 58 Opening at 7:30 p. (BMC)</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> W 151-stated - Dinner 5:30 p. lodge opens at 6:30 p.</p>	<p><b>19</b> BB # 44-special Dinner at 6:30 (RSVP WM Gary Pitcher), lodge at 7:30</p>	<p><b>20</b> Outdoor Fellowshipcraft Degree, Roche Hbr. Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay Opens at 7 p. (BMC)</p>
<b>21</b>	<p><b>22</b> F #264- special Comm. A Fellowshipcraft Degree is planned. Lodge opens at 7:30 pm. (FMC)</p>	<p><b>23</b> Evergreen RB # 17 Opening at 7 p. (FMC) Fairhaven #73 special, lodge opens at 7:30 p.</p>	<p><b>24</b> Scottish Rite Board Meeting—dinner is at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 p. SRH</p>	<p><b>25</b> Bethel No. 25, Council meeting, 5:30 p Maplewood TB meeting at 7:30 p. (BMC)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> Bethel # 25 JD Moved its meeting to April 29th.</p>
<b>28</b>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> Consistory Banquet — dinner at 6:30 pm. Ladies Invited. Reservations are required Cost is \$10.00</p>			