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Editor's Trestleboard

Brethren, sisters and daughters of Whatcom & San Juan Counties I bid welcome to the month of Thanksgiving; we truly have lots for which to be thankful. At the Blue Lodge level there are several lodges putting on a number of degrees, a sign that we may just be about to see our decline stop and renewed interest begin a period of growth. I do hope this trend is matched by growth in our concordant organizations, especially Star and the youth groups—for I believe many of the men now joining blue lodges will join Scottish and York Rites and the Shrine. It seems to me the best way to foster growth in all our Masonic bodies is to be always ready to promote Masonry when interest is shown to us. Have a brochure or petition handy to pass along. Remember, your own enthusiasm is a very valuable asset when explaining why you think membership in your Lodge, Chapter, Assembly or Bethel worthwhile. This newsletter can be another good tool to promote fraternal cooperation and demonstrate to others the events and activities which make Masonry a real value for individuals and for families to facilitate the development of life-skills and to practice the values we teach.

John Browne

Bellingham Bay Thanksgiving

Bellingham Bay traditionally holds its Special Communications on the third Friday of each month and on the third Friday of November holds an annual Thanksgiving Dinner and this year is no different. We will dinner is slated to begin at 6:30 pm and contributions are encouraged.

Reservations are Required!

Sincerely, Ken Gass
Secretary - Bellingham Bay Lodge #44

Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps; for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are and what they might have been. If mankind had wished for what is right, they might have had it long ago.

~ William Hazlitt, 1778 1830

Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron

The local Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, Maple Leaf No. 58, Nooksack No. 171 and Ferndale No. 223, will receive their annual visit by the Grand Worthy Matron on Monday November 21st, 2005. This visit takes place at the regular meeting of Ferndale Chapter No. 223 OES, at the Ferndale Masonic Center in Ferndale WA., and begins at 7:30 PM.



Sheila Kelly

Whatcom Lodge hosts a dinner & movie night.

On Saturday November 12th, Whatcom Lodge is hosting a dinner and movie night for Masonic families and friends. A social hour begins at 6 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. WB John Burley is the evening's Chef and he has planned a fine pork tenderloin and all the fixings which go with the season.

After dinner we will show National Treasure - this is a no-charge event. An RSVP is desired to assist in planning:

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Calendar of Events

- Nov 3rd** Whatcom Lodge Officers lunch meeting at 12 noon.
- Nov 4th** Bellingham Bay Lodge stated meeting - Election of Officers. Dinner at 6:30 pm (\$5) Lodge at 7:30 pm.
- Nov 12th** Lynden Lodge Installation at 7 pm at Ferndale Masonic Center.
- Nov 12th** Dinner & Movie Night; the social hour at 6p, dinner at 6:30 p.
- Nov 17th** Whatcom stated meeting-dinner at 5:45 pm, opening at 6:30 pm
- Nov 18th** Bellingham Bay Thanksgiving Dinner at 6:30 pm. Contributions encouraged—Reservations Required.
- Nov 19th** MFLA hosted by Kulshan Int. Lodge-10 am at W. Maplewood.
- Nov. 21st** OV of WGM to ML # 58, N # 171 & F # 223 Chapters of OES; the event begins at 7:30 p at (FMC)

To contribute to this newsletter please send your letter, comment, historical fact, poem or calendar announcement, by the 2nd Monday of each month, to:

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The real freemason

In The Farmers Almanac for 1823 the following was printed under the heading "Character of a Freemason."

"The real freemason is distinguished from the rest of mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A freemason would be just if even if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principle."

What a freemason is has not changed from that time until today. It is our task to ensure that we carry on this heritage. We are the caretakers of our fraternity and we must do our best to live up to these ideals.

Reprinted from the North Dakota Freemason—by way of the Masonic Bulletin of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon.

A Brother in History

While serving in Congress, a friendly rivalry developed between Br. Henry Clay of Kentucky and Daniel Webster of Massachusetts. One day, as the two men were sitting in front of a Washington hotel, a man driving a pack of mules passed by. Webster, the quintessential Yankee, saw an opportunity to take a jab at his Southern colleague. "Clay, there goes a number of your Kentucky constituents," he observed. Clay examined the scene for a moment and then replied: "They must be going up to Massachusetts to teach school."

"Br.HenrClay,1777 – 1852" (*adap. from Dr. Mardy's weekly quotes*)



Valley of Bellingham Scottish Rite

There is much to report about regarding our local Scottish Rite Valley. First, the building renovation is coming along very nicely. In particular we have comfortable chairs throughout and new carpeting in the lodge room. Secondly, all our meals are catered and are of high quality. I doubt that you'll be disappointed at the festive board.

Kudos: I'd like to announce that we have three new Knights Commander: Ken Weaver, Gary Pitcher and Gene Gilbert, and, G. Winton Smith will be conferred, in November, with the 33° of Scottish Rite Masonry. Congratulations to these fine Masons.

For your information: our stated meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month, with dinner served at 6:30 pm; dinner is \$5.00 and Masons interested in learning more about Scottish Rite are welcome, oh, and by the way, your meal will be free! Also, if anyone is interested in attending our Scottish Rite Board meeting he is welcome and the meal is free. (*How could you pass this opportunity up?*)

Banquets: Scottish Rite dinner banquets are one of more popular activities, perhaps because they are open to our ladies and because they lend a festive air to the occasion. Banquet dinner costs are \$10 per person.

My brother Masons, you are warmly invited to visit your Scottish Rite brothers; we believe there is a lot of historic Masonry waiting for you to discover by taking a step into the Valley of Bellingham Scottish Rite Masonry. Sincerely, Don Higginson, Secretary

Blue Lodge Installations

Most recently we had the pleasure of the Installation of Officers for Fairhaven Lodge No. 73, Tuesday evening 10/25/2005. WB Thom Baughn, MW Wayne Deming and VW Frank Juntunen each did a wonderful job and of course VW Russ Gran most ably handled the roll of Marshall. The evening was particularly special because two of our Job's Daughters, Senior Princess Mary Davis & Junior Princess Kristen White received a Happy Birthday from the assembled the guests.

There are four lodges in District No. 10 which have yet to install their officers for the 2005-6 term: Lynden Lodge No. 56 (Nov. 12th at 7 pm.), Bellingham Bay Lodge (probably in early January 2006) and San Juan Lodge (Dec. 3rd)



Your Masonic Organization

can get its events
Published here too!


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event information to
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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>One of the lessons of history is that nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say.</p> <p>Will Durant—historian</p>	<p>1 11 a.m. Kiwanis (BMC) ML-OES # 58 Opening at 7:30 p (BMC) KI # 186 - 7:30 p (FMC)</p>	<p>2 11a Bridge Club (BMC) SJ # 175-stated Opening at 7:30 p (FHMC) NV #105 Voc Ed Comm 7 p NMHA Board meets 7:30 p at the NMC</p>	<p>3 Whatcom Lodge Officers lunch-meeting - 12 noon. Lynden # 56 - 7:30 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay Opening at 7 p (BMC)</p>	<p>4 BB # 44-stated meeting Dinner at 6:30 pm. \$5 is a suggested contribution, the meeting opens at 7:30 pm. Election of Officers!!</p>	<p>5 A 101st Birthday Celebration for WB Leland Dodson will take place at the IGA Store at Nugent's Corner—</p>
6	<p>7 F-OES #223 Opening at 7:30 p (FMC) Hesperus Commandery No.8 B'ham - Installation of Officers</p>	<p>8 11 a.m. Kiwanis (BMC) F # 73-stated Opening at 7:30 p (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 Opening at 7 p (FMC)</p>	<p>9 11a Bridge Club (BMC)</p>	<p>10 Lynden #56 - 7:30 pm N-OES # 171 Opening at 7:30 pm (FMC) Bethel #25 IOJD. 7 p</p>	<p>11 11a Bridge Club (BMC) BB # 44-stated 7p (SRH) Veteran's Day</p>	<p>12 Whatcom Lodge 151 Dinner and Movie Night. The social hr begins at 6p, dinner at 6:30 pm. The movie is National Treasure. Lynden Lodge #56 Installation of Officers at the FMC, 7 pm</p>
13	<p>14 F #264-stated Opening at 7:30 p (FMC)</p>	<p>15 11 a.m. Kiwanis (BMC) KI # 186-stated Opening at 7:30 p (FMC) ML-OES # 58 Opening at 7:30 p (BMC)</p>	<p>16 11a Bridge Club (BMC) NV # 105-stated Opening at 7:30 p (NMC)</p>	<p>17 W 151-stated meeting Dinner 5:30 pm Open 6:30 PM (BMC)</p>	<p>18 11a Bridge Club (BMC) BB # 44-special, annual Thanksgiving Dinner— RSVP required! Dinner is at 6:30 pm—contributions encouraged.</p>	<p>19 MFLA 10 am Hosted by Kulshan Int. #186 Bethel # 25 12:20 p. Adult OV (BMC) Chuckanut Chap DeMolay Opening at 7 p (BMC)</p>
20	<p>21 5 p.m. Royal Arch (BMC) OV of WGM to ML # 58, N # 171 & F # 223 Chapters of OES: Begins at 7:30 p at (FMC)</p>	<p>22 11 a.m. Kiwanis (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 Opening at 7 p (FMC)</p>	<p>23 11a Bridge Club (BMC)</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>25 11a Bridge Club (BMC)</p>	<p>26 Bethel # 25 7 p.</p>
27	<p>28</p>	<p>29 11 a.m. Kiwanis (BMC)</p>	<p>29 11a Bridge Club (BMC)</p>	<p>30</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>KING S QUOTE'S</p> <p>There s a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot.</p> <p>Steven Wright</p> </div>	
<p>"The courtesies of a small and trivial character are the ones which strike deepest to the grateful and appreciating heart."</p> <p>Br. Henry Clay, 1777 – 1852</p>						