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November 2008

District Ten Dinner and Meeting : Friday, Nov. 7th

Hosted by Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44
At the Bellingham Masonic Center, 2626 West Maplewood

You and your Lady are cordially invited to join the brothers of District No.10 to receive our Grand Master, M.: W.: Douglas E. Tucker, on the occasion of his Official Visit.

Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m.—Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
The cost is \$20 per couple or \$12 per person

The brethren will meet with the Grand Master in the Lodge Room from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Autumn Thompson, Miss Washington Jobs Daughters, will be attending and available during the evening to answer any questions that you might have about Jobs Daughters or the Miss Washington Program.

The menu is Salmon or Prime Rib and your entree will be served with the associated sides. The Job's Daughters of Bethel #25 will be serving the dinner and providing the deserts for a silent desert auction. After dinner all will retire to the Lodge Room for awards and presentations, allowing the Daughters to clean up the dinning room.

Please email your reservations to V.:W.: James F. Brady III at jfbrady-III@comcast.net or to W.: Gary Pitcher at pitch318@comcast.net meal tickets will be held "will call" at the hall and monies collected then. Please be sure to specify your choice of entrée when making your reservations.

Whatcom Lodge Report

The stated meeting of October, 16th was fairly brief but notable for two reasons. At dinner, just before the meeting began, we received two Petitions for the Degrees of Masonry. The first petition read was from Mr. Leon Scot Jr. and the other from Mr. Alexander Bruner. Investigation committees were appointed and we hope to confer both degrees at our stated meeting on November 20th, 2008.

After the paying of bills and reading of petitions WM Larry West installed Bro. Frank Myers as Senior Warden and Bro. Monte Thompson as Senior Deacon.

Brothers, Dues Notices are coming out in the next few days. Please read the Dues Notice carefully and respond as promptly as you can. Whatcom Lodge has over 75 members and keeping the records up to date is made easier when my fellow brothers act in a timely manner. I thank each of you in advance for your consideration and help.

At the top of the page you see an Ad for the District Ten Dinner and Meeting. This annual event is one of the few opportunities for local Masons to meet the Grand Master. This year you also have the chance to see Miss Washington Job's Daughter, Miss Autumn Thompson. The food will be great and the atmosphere warm and friendly.

Fraternally, John Browne - Secretary/Treasurer

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

- Nov 5th San Juan Lodge - 7:30
- Nov 6th Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Nov 7th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 p
- Nov 10th Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 PM
- Nov 11th Fairhaven Lodge - 7:30
- Nov 12th Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
- Nov 18th Kulshan Int. Lodge - 7:30 p
- Nov 20th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Oh, God, when I have food
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me
to remember the jobless;
When I have a warm home,
help me to remember the homeless;
When I am without pain,
help me remember those who suffer;
And remembering, help me
to destroy my complacency
and bestir my compassion.
Make me concerned enough
to help, by word and deed,
those who cry out
for what we take for granted.

Samuel F. Pugh

Lynden Lodge on the move

Lynden Lodge calendar for October 2008

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| Nov. 1 st | Open Installation of Officers | 7:30 PM |
| Nov. 6 th | Stated Meeting | 7:30 PM |
| Nov. 20 th | Special - Presentation of Bikes For Books At the Lynden Public Library | 7:30 PM |

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

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS Lynden Lodge No. 56 F. & A.M. cordially invites you to its 121st installation of officers on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Ferndale Masonic Center. It is an open installation. Light refreshments will be served immediately after the installation.

Senior Warden Dick Myhre will be installed as the Worshipful Master along with the other elected and appointed officers in their respective stations and places. Bro. Dick is a dedicated, hardworking Mason and well deserves our support.

Please come and bring your lady and guests. Let's fill the sidelines on this memorable occasion!

LEAVENWORTH EXCURSION Bro. Travis Graddon has reported that the tickets for the chartered bus excursion to the beautiful Bavarian village of Leavenworth for the 2008 Christmas Lighting Festival on Saturday, December 6th are going fast.

The bus will depart from the Bellingham Masonic Center on Maplewood Avenue at 11:30 AM (Note that this is a change from Barkley District). Enjoy a worry-free ride to Leavenworth to enjoy the sights and sounds of this truly unique holiday destination. Departure for the ride home will be at 7:00 PM. A light snack and beverage will be provided on the return trip. Arrival in Bellingham will be approximately 10:00 PM.

Tickets are \$50 per person. Reservations may be made by contacting Bro. Travis at 318-8456 or at tsgrad-don1@comcast.net. You know that you lady is going to enjoy it! Make your booking now.

Fraternally, WB Dick Decima, WM Lynden Lodge No. 56

Hiram Award Presented

At the Hands Across the Border Dinner

It came as a very BIG Surprise, but it was indeed well deserved. The brethren of Lynden Lodge and GM Doug Tucker presented the Hiram Award to none other than WB Dick Decima. Brother Decima has given countless hours of time and devotion to restoring Lynden Lodge as one of the healthiest and productive in District Ten—Congratulations WB Dick!

MLA Report

Masonic Education Council WB Ken Gass brought everyone up to date on the proposed Articles of Association and Bylaws as well as the application for tax-exempt status. He anticipates that the filing of these documents with the State and the filing of the application for {501(c)(3)} status as a tax-exempt organization with the federal government will be completed in about three weeks.

Each Worshipful Master was urged to make his appointment of a representative from the Lodge to be a member of the Board of Directors of the MEC. Failure to appoint a representative will result in a Lodge not having a vote in MEC matters. Please make sure that a representative is appointed and that the Lodge secretary advises the MEC secretary in writing about the name of the representative.

Traveling Gavel WB Gordon R. Grahame has located the Traveling Gavel in Canada and is making arrangement for it to be delivered to a District 10 lodge. Our secretary, WB Vern Christianson, will be maintaining records so that the whereabouts of the Traveling Gavel are known at all times.

George Washington Portrait Program WB Dick Decima reported that this program has been a great success! Eighteen schools in Whatcom and San Juan counties soon will receive a framed rendition of renown artist Rembrandt Peale's portrait of Bro. George Washington. Lodges that participated in this program are urged to be sure that brothers are on hand at the schools for the unveiling of the portrait at each school.

Officers for 2009 The nominating committee proposed the following slate of officers for 2009:

President: Bro. Jack Sprouls (Lynden Lodge No. 56)
Vice President: Bro. Jeff Moison (Ferndale Lodge No. 264)
Sec/Treasurer: WB Vern Christianson (Fairhaven Lodge No. 73)

There were no further nominations. The election of officers will be held the November MLA meeting.

2009 Planning Various items to be considered for 2009 planning were outlined.

Tabled until the November meeting Grand Lodge Workshops, Proficiency in Lodge Management, the MLA picnic and the MLA hosting the annual District 10 dinner meeting all were tabled until the November meeting when District Deputy VWB Jim Brady will tell us more about these subjects.

Upcoming MLA Meeting The next MLA will be on Saturday, November 15th at 10 AM at the Bellingham Masonic Center on Maplewood Avenue. Kulshan International Lodge No. 186 will be the host. The MLA meetings this year continue to be well-attended which clearly indicates that the enthusiasm for the Masonic fraternity in District 10 is growing. Please your calendars for the November 15th meeting and plan to be there and spend 90 minutes or less in helping Masonry grow. There will be a *Door Prize* again!

This is how Masons work!

Fraternally, WB Dick Decima
President - MLA



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

Friday November 7th Stated Meeting at 7:30 will be the District Meeting with #44 as host. Open on the EA degree. To accommodate the large number of people expected to attend the dinner before the meeting we have petitioned the G.M. to move our charter to Maplewood for the evening and he has granted it. This is an important meeting that I hope all of the brethren can attend.

Wednesday the 12th Monthly visitation will be to Nooksack Valley Lodge. They open at 6 PM and then go to refreshment for dinner. After dinner they resume labor to conduct their business.

Friday November 21st No meeting, instead we'll have our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 6:30 PM.

WM Gary Pitcher

NW Shrine Club November 4, 2008 will be our dinner meeting at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli and Ale House, 709 W. Orchard Drive. We will have our traditional Turkey Dinner, with all the side dishes. Cost is \$ 17.00 per person. Call Noble Ron Fine for reservations at 360-676-5747 or E-mail me at RonFine2@aol.com. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY OCTOBER 30, 2008.

On Sunday November 2, 2008 Daylight Savings time ends; November 4, 2008 is elections of our Federal, State, and local governments. Please Vote! It's also elections for officers for 2009 in our Shrine club. On Tuesday November 11, 2008, please take time out of your busy day to remember our Veterans, they have served our country with distinction. Of course Thursday November 27, 2008 is Thanksgiving, time to remember our Blessings.

Nobles & Ladies don't forget our club fund raiser; now is the time to get your raffle tickets for stocking stuffers and to sell to your friends and co-workers. Call Noble Greg Cory to get your raffle tickets at 360-734- 7099. Lady Sharon and I would like to wish you all Happy Holidays.

Ron Fine, Secretary NWSC

A spot of humor

A man is giving a speech at his lodge meeting. He gets carried away and talks for two hours. Finally, he realizes what he's done and says, "I'm sorry I talked so long. I left my watch at home."

At the back of room, someone shouts, "That's no excuse. There's a calendar behind you."

From the American Legion Magazine, March 2007

Brethren and Sisters

I'll be blunt, where are your younger relatives, your grandsons, grand daughters, nieces and nephews? Are you talking with them about the youth groups that our organizations support? I understand our obligation to take good men and ladies and make them better. May I take this one step further? How about taking our youngsters into these youth groups and make them better? Having them join DeMolay, Jobs Daughters and Rainbow can empower them as they prepare to go into the world as our new world leaders. We as Masons and Eastern Star are obliged to assist all those who need our help to become better citizens of this world; you will note that I didn't say country but THE WORLD! We need to change our outlook to include those outside our usual communities to see the bigger picture that these days' encompasses not just our town, county, state, country but the whole world. If we want to help this world succeed then we must start somewhere and I suggest that we begin with our youth. Where do you want to see your youngsters 10 years from now? Joining our Youth groups could give them a huge start to becoming functional, confident adults, yes?

Fraternally and sincerely,

George Edwards PM - Grand Lodge Youth Committee
Past Rainbow Dad & Past Associate Bethel Guardian

Utopia Found?

There is a place that you can find
Where everyone is always kind,
Where everything is harmony,
Where every man is always free.

No politics are spoken there,
No arguments to rend the air,
Where smiles glow bright on every face,
A joyful and a friendly place.

A place where men can do good deeds
And share their lot with those with needs,
But still have fun in all they do
While being good and firm and true.

A place where God is still revered
And tyranny is never feared,
A place there virtues still are taught,
Where goodness is not sold or bought.

"A Shangri La?" you say to me,
"Why such a place can never be!"
Untrue, my friend, there's one I know,
A place where good men often go.


And not just one, but many more,
Both here at home, on distant shore,
Thousands and thousands, I would guess;
There might be more, but never less.

They've been around hundreds of years,
These places where men need have no fears,
So now you ask, "Where do I go?"
All right, my friend, I'll let you know.

Look for a sign with compasses and square,
Easily found, they're most everywhere,
Just note the number and the street
To know where Masons go to meet.

Anon.

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 |
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|  KING'S QUOTE'S | | | | | | 1 Lynden # 56 Open Installation of officers - 7:30 <i>All Saints Day</i> |
| 2 <i>Daylight-Savings Time Ends</i> | 3 Hesperus Commandery No. 8 - 7:30, F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC) | 4 NWSC - Zem Zem 6, Dinner 7, Meeting 8 PM ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p. <i>Election Day</i> | 5 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC) | 6 L # 56 7:30 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7 pm | 7 BB # 44 stated—hosting the District 10 Dinner & Meeting 5:30 p (BMC) | 8 Bethel # 25 - Initiation Ceremony & meeting, early afternoon. |
| 9 | 10 F # 264 7:30 pm Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p | 11 F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC) Veterans Day Remembrance Day | 12 NV # 105 6 p.m. | 13 Bethel # 25 at 7 pm. <i>Full Moon</i> | 14 | 15 MFLA 10 am Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7 p Rainbow - GC of C Banquet? |
| 16 | 17 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC) | 18 KI # 186 7:30 p. ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Brd. Meeting | 19 | 20 W 151-stated dinner 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm Rainbow - Dist Line meeting | 21 BB 44 hosts its annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner 6:30 p. (SRH) | 22 Bethel #25 at 7 pm |
| 23 | 24 | 25 F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC) | 26 | 27 Thanksgiving Day - USA <i>New Moon</i> | 28 | 29 |
| 30 St. Andrew's Day - Canada | The man who has no inner life is a slave of his surroundings, as the barometer is the obedient servant of the air. Aniel | | | | | |

Chime for sale

If your high and low 12 strikes sound like your hitting a cast iron frying pan this chime is for you. This chime is just like the ones used by Whatcom and Lynden Lodges and sounds beautiful.

WB Buck Strickland had three of these wonderful sounding chimes made, two are being used by the lodges mentioned above the third one is available for purchase. The first lodge to contact WB Buck can buy this chime for the very reasonable price of \$87.00.

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