



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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## The Master's

### Trestle-board

Wow, where has the year gone? Our secretary told me to get ready for the October issue of the newsletter and I replied, "October, it can't be October yet." But, I found a calendar and saw that he was right! The truth is I knew full well the year was moving right along, time just seems to fly. If you look at our Calendar of Events you'll see that we have some Fun activities planned. Fall is a great time to visit your lodge.

In addition to up-coming Whatcom Lodge events there a few notable activities you should consider lending your support to through attendance. On Thursday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, Lynden hosts Hands Across the Border, see the adjoining AD. Also, it won't be too long before the District No. 10 Meeting, Friday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, in Ferndale, WA.

Fraternally,  
WM Glenn W. Hutchings

To see what is right  
and not to do it  
is cowardice.  
It is never a question  
of who is right  
but what is right.  
*John Buchan*

## Election of new Officers

At our up-coming Stated Meeting on Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our annual election of officers for the ensuing year. Your lodge brethren hope you will consider attending and giving your support to this most important and worthwhile of lodge duties.

**Plans for the future:** WM Glenn Hutchings held a planning meeting at our Special Communication on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Whatcom Lodge is going to have more fun again in 2005. Well, we're actually not waiting until the year turns, we hope to get started right away. Our new FC Mason will be working hard so he can be ready for us to confer the MM Degree at our Stated Meeting on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. We have set Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>, as the date for installing our WM. The installation will be followed by a sit-down dinner, with entertainment and awards. On Friday January 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll have another "Bunco Night" complete with buffet-style potluck dinner, the lodge supplies the meat & beverages, prizes and just plain Ol' fun. February would not be complete without a "Sweethearts Dinner" and we have Friday Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, tentatively set for this year's gala. In March or April we'll have a group trip to the Theater.

### Hands Across the Border

Lynden Lodge NO. 56  
hosts the annual  
Hands Across the Border  
Grand Masters Dinner

Bring your Lady and  
Come join in the fun as the  
Grand Masters  
of

British Columbia and Yukon  
and of  
Washington State  
meet at the Festive Board.

The cost is:  
\$20 per-person or \$35 per-couple.  
Contact WB Gordon Grahame  
for tickets: 676-1746

Location:  
Lynden Methodist Church  
Time: 6 P.M.

### Calendar of Events

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>** Whatcom Lodge Stated meeting, lodge begins opening at 6:30 PM. It is time to hold our annual election of officers, for the year 2005. Join us for a good meal and fellowship.

**Nov 12<sup>th</sup>** District No. 10 meeting and Reception of the Grand Master. Dinner is at 6:30 PM and lodge at 7:30 PM. This meeting is co-hosted by Kulshan Int. and Ferndale Lodges at the Ferndale Masonic Center. Dinner is \$10 per person.

**Nov 20<sup>th</sup>** MFLA meets at W. Maplewood, Kulshan Lodge & Ferndale Rainbow are the co-hosts. Meeting begins at 10 AM.

**Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** Installation of the Worshipful Master and Awards Night dinner. The installation begins at 6:30 and dinner at 7 PM. An RSVP would be helpful

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** is our Stated Meeting, lodge opens at 6:30 PM.

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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# WhatSayYou!

One of the greatest discoveries a man makes, one of his great surprises, is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn't do...

Quality means doing it right when no one is looking...

Think you can, think you can't; either way, you'll be right. Br. Henry Ford

Wit is the lightning of the mind, reason the sunshine, and reflection the moonlight. Countess of Blessington

We are the living links in a life force that moves and plays around and through us, binding the deepest soils with the farthest stars. Alan Chadwick

A freeman thinks of nothing less than death, and his wisdom is a meditation on life, not on death. Bernard Spinoza

Respect for one's own integrity and uniqueness, for love and understanding of one's own self, cannot be separated from respect for and love and understanding of another individual. The love for my own self I inseparably connected with the love for any other self.

Erich Fromm

[A] virtuous act is its own reward. For it is not undertaken for profit: the real compensation of a right act is inherent in having performed it. Seneca

Millions must plough and forge and dig in order that a few thousand may write and paint and study.

Heinrich Gotthard von Treitschke

There is a saying that no man has tasted the full flavor of life until he has known poverty, love, and war.

O. Henry [William Sydney Porter] (1862-1910)

He that embarks in the voyage of life will always wish to advance rather by the impulse of the wind than the strokes of the oar; and many founder in their passage, while they lie waiting for the gale. Dr. Samuel Johnson

And what's a life? - A weary pilgrimage, whose glory in one day doth fill the stage with childhood, manhood, and decrepit age. Francis Quarles (1592-1644)

The best effect of fine persons is felt after we have left their presence.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Someone once said: *What goes around comes around.*

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death. The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life."

"No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that your son?" the nobleman asked.

"Yes," the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of." And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.



## KING S QUOTE'S

**CRITICISM IS SOMETHING  
WE CAN AVOID EASILY -  
BY SAYING NOTHING,  
DOING NOTHING, AND  
BEING NOTHING.**

~ Aristotle

## Did you know

That Alfalfa  
of The Little Rascals  
was a Mason?  
His headstone  
has a S&C on it.