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## The Master's

### Trestle-board

If you missed the Fellowcraft Degree and Past District Deputy Honor Night, well, you truly missed out. It was a very fitting event, the giving of praise and thanks to those brothers who have given of their time and energy to serve us in District Ten and throughout the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington. The degree team, made up of mostly Past District Deputies, did a fine job in passing our Bro. Sam Silverman to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

Next on our agenda is the Special Communication on Thursday October 7th at W. Maplewood. This will be a Fall planning date, with dinner served at 6:30 PM. We have elections coming up and the major holidays to consider.

Mark your calendar for Friday November 12th, and plan on attending the District Ten Meeting and Reception of the Grand Master, MW Sat Tashiro. The meeting is co-hosted by Kulshan Int. & Ferndale Lodges at the Ferndale Masonic Center. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and the meeting begins at 7:30 PM.

Fraternally,  
WM Glenn W. Hutchings

If you wait until you are ready,  
you will wait forever.

~ Bro. Will Rogers



### Making our way !

Under the watchful gaze of the Grand Architect of the Universe We labor as Masons for the good of humanity. These are not just words but the very fabric of what and who we are, or should be. As the working tools description tells us to remember "that we are traveling upon the level of time to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns," but also keep in mind the words of Ms. Beverly Sills "There are no shortcuts to any place worth going." And so we should heed the good council of Mr. Jean de La Bruyere, (1645 - 1696) "There is no road too long to the man who advances deliberately and without undue haste; there are no honors too distant to the man who prepares himself for them with patience."

The band of brothers and sisters in Masonry is very good company to keep as we journey forth together. The road is indeed rough and rocky but we have many hands to left each other and our fellow humans. There are those along the way who will decry our society and this human trait too has practice has been noted by no less a notable that Dr. Samuel Johnson (1751), "The collector of shells and stones derides the folly of him who pastes leaves and flowers upon paper (and) pleases himself with colors that are perceptibly fading, and amasses with care what cannot be preserved. The hunter of insects stands amazed that any man can waste his short time upon lifeless matter, while many tribes of animals yet want their history. Everyone is inclined not only to promote his own study, but to exclude all others from regard, and having heated his imagination with some favorite pursuit, wonders that the rest of mankind are not seized with the same passion." We, as Masonic travelers, just may be able to inform others by shinning the Light of our actions along Our Way. (quotes submitted by our Tyler, Bro. Ted McQuiston)

My brothers& sisters, I wish each and all of you a pleasant journey. John F. Browne

Criticism is something  
we can avoid easily -  
by saying nothing,  
doing nothing, and  
being nothing.

~ Aristotle



### KING S QUOTE'S

HE THAT HATH NO FOOLS,  
KNAVES OR BEGGARS  
IN HIS FAMILY  
WAS BEGOT BY  
A FLASH OF LIGHTNING.

Thomas Fuller

### Calendar of Events

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>** Whatcom Lodge Special Communication, dinner begins opening at 6:30 PM. **We will be planning our Fall activities and for Winter & Spring 2005.**

**Oct 16<sup>th</sup>** MFLA meets at W. Maplewood, Lynden Lodge is the host. Meeting begins at 10 AM.

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>** Whatcom Lodge Stated meeting, lodge begins opening at 6:30 PM. Join us for 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.

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

# WhatSayYou!

The carping and bickering of political factions in the nation's capital reminds me of two pelicans quarreling over a dead fish.

William Tecumseh Sherman

Men have prayed in prison, men have prayed in slums and concentration camps. It's only the middle classes who demand to pray in suitable surroundings. Graham Green

My loathings are simple: stupidity, oppression, crime, cruelty, soft music.

Vladimir Nabokov

If most of us are ashamed of shabby clothes and shoddy furniture, let us be more ashamed of shabby ideas and shoddy philosophies. Albert Einstein

'Tis Fate that flings the dice, And as she flings of kings makes peasants, And of peasants kings. John Dryden

We cannot banish dangers, but we can banish fears. We must not demean life by standing in awe of death.

David Sarnoff

Without an understanding of myth or religion, without an understanding of the relationship between destruction and creation, death and rebirth, the individual suffers the mysteries of life as meaningless mayhem alone.

Marion Woodman

Courage and perseverance have a magical talisman, before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish into air. The influence of each human being on others in this life is a kind of immortality.

To believe all men honest would be folly. To believe none so is something worse.

John Quincy Adams

Nowadays the rage for possession has got to such a pitch that there is nothing in the realm of nature, whether sacred or profane, out of which profit cannot be squeezed. Desiderius Erasmus (1466-1536)

The most handicapped [person] in the world is a negative thinker.

Heather Whitestone (1973-), Seattle Post-Intelligencer [September 1994],

All industry must be excited by hope. Samuel Johnson: Rambler #117

# THE MOST POWERFUL BOOK IN AMERICA:

They lie on the table, side by side --  
The Holy Bible and the TV Guide.

One is well worn and cherished with pride --  
No, not the Bible, but the TV Guide.

One is used daily to help folks decide --  
No, not the Bible, but the TV Guide.

As the pages are turned, what shall they see --  
Oh, what does it matter, turn on the TV.

Confusion reigns as they can't all agree  
On what they should watch on the old TV.

So they open the book in which they confide --  
No, not the Bible, but the TV Guide.

The Word of God is hardly ever read,  
Maybe a verse, as they fall into bed,  
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be --  
Not from reading the Bible, but from watching TV.

So then, back to the table, side by side,  
Lie the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.

No time for prayer, no time for the Word --  
The plan of salvation is seldom heard.

But forgiveness of sin, so full and free,  
Is found in the Bible, not on TV.

Choose which book will rule & guide YOUR family.

- author is UNKNOWN -

Submitted by the Tyler Bro. Ted McQuiston

## Considering Life Membership?

If you are interested in purchasing a life membership the cost is determined by age. The WA. Masonic Code, Sec. 17.12.B.L. 3-A, sets the age/cost scale as the following:

- age 18 to 35, inclusive \$450
- age 36 to 45, inclusive \$400
- age 46 to 55, inclusive \$300
- age 56 to 65, inclusive \$250
- age 66 and over \$200

This scale set is a minimum, lodges may set higher costs. Whatcom Lodge uses the above minimum scale. For more information, please contact the lodge secretary.

The poem above seems so very appropriate in today's American society. There is no doubt that other books of faith are also receiving similar treatment. Our TV culture threatens both our spiritual and physical health—*Editor's Opinion!*



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