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Editor's Trestleboard

I wish to thank those who have embraced this new format of this newsletter by contributing articles and information. Due to the fact that my wife Sue and I are in between permanent residences the quality of the newsletter's content may suffer a bit. For the past couple of weeks I've been relying on the phone connection at the homes of my dear relatives who have been kind enough to take Sue and I in until our new home is finished. I expect this will be the case for next couple of months—I hope my mother-in-law and Aunt & Uncle are able to stand us for that length of time.

Please continue to lend your support to our only district-wide newsletter. We all can benefit if we all participate. Fraternally,

John F. Browne

Whatcom Lodge Installation

On Saturday September 10th, 2005, 3:30 pm at the Bellingham Masonic Center on W. Maplewood, Whatcom Lodge will hold its installation of officers. Bro. Mike Johnston will be installed as Worshipful Master. Following the ceremony there will be a picnic style BBQ for those who wish to have a fine informal repast.

Afterward, don't forget to head on up to the Ferndale Masonic Center to support the installation of Ms. JoAnn Gonzales as Worthy Advisor of Evergreen Assembly No. 17 IORG. This ceremony will begin at 7 pm.

A Special Thanks to those who helped to make this year's All Masonic Picnic a success. Glad to see a good turnout—in particular the girls from Rainbow Assembly No. 17.

Verne Christianson
President MFLA

Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay



Installation of Officers

On Sat., Sept. 17th, 2005 at 7 PM Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay will hold an Installation of Officers. This ceremony is open to public. All are welcome to attend this event which is so important in the lives of our young men. Please come and support them. Fraternally—Thom Baughn

New Master Masons

Lynden Lodge No. 56 and Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44 both recently raised new Master Mason's. On Monday August 22nd, 2005 Lynden Lodge raised Bro. Christopher Boodey, son of WM Glen Boodey, to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Some 22 Brothers from Ferndale, Fairhaven, Kulshan Int., Nooksack Whatcom and Lynden Lodges assembled to provide a very fine Third Degree. VWB Frank Juntunen conferred the Degree, he also delivered the 3rd Degree Lecture and gave the Charge. KS was played by VW Glenn W. Hutchings & WB Glen Boodey played KH.

On Tuesday August 23rd, 2005 Bellingham Bay Lodge raised Bro. Monte Thompson to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Over 20 Masons attended representing Ferndale, Lynden, Whatcom, Fairhaven and Bellingham Bay Lodges. Bro. Christopher Boodey, who was raised the previous night was present to support Bro. Monte Thompson. The Degree was conferred by WB Rick Kiene who also played KS, WB Gary Pitcher played KH. WB Thom Baughn performed the 3rd Degree Lecture and WB Gary Pitcher gave the Charge. *Well done brothers!*

Calendar of Events

Sep 2nd Grand Master's Summit hosted by Bellingham Bay #44 at the Scottish Rite Hall.

Sep 10th Masonic Highway Clean-Up 9 am. Meet at 2626 W. Maplewood, rain or shine, to clean our 2-mile stretch of I-5 for 90 minutes. Vest, helmets, gloves and grabbers provided.

Whatcom Lodge No. 151 will have its installation of Officers. Begins at 3:30 PM, with a catered BBQ picnic to follow. At the W. Maplewood hall.

Evergreen Assembly #17 IORG holds its Installation of Officers. The Ceremony starts at 7 PM, at Ferndale Masonic Center.

Sep 16th Bellingham Bay special communication—most likely either a EA or FC Degree will be put on.

Sep 17th MFLA hosted by NV # 105, 10 am at W. Maplewood.

Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay - open Installation of Officers at 7 PM at W. Maplewood.

Sep 19th York Rite meeting.

Sep 30th DeMolay to confer the Legion of Honor on WB Ken Gass. Ceremony at 7 PM at the Scottish Rite Masonic Hall.

Jobs Daughters meet at W. Maplewood at 7 PM

Supposing you have tried
and failed again and again.
You may have a fresh start
any moment you choose,
for this thing that we
call failure is not
the falling down,
but the staying down.
Mary Pickford (1894 1979)

WhatSayYou!

"Albert Einstein was once asked if scientists pray. He responded: 'Scientific research is based on the idea that everything that takes place is determined by laws of nature, and therefore...a research scientist will hardly be inclined to believe that events could be influenced by ...a wish addressed to a supernatural Being...But, on the other hand, every one who is seriously involved in the pursuit of science becomes convinced that a spirit is manifest in the laws of nature—a spirit vastly superior to that of man, and one in the face of which we with our modest powers must feel humble.'"

"...the mathematician Nicolas Malebranche, said it all: 'Attentiveness is the natural prayer of the soul.'"

From an article in the Jan/Feb-2005 issue of Science & Spirit by Chet Raymo.



KING S QUOTE'S

The best portion
of a good man's life
is his little, nameless,
unremembered acts of
kindness and of love.

William Wordsworth,
1770 1850

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YORK RITE NEWS

September will be a busy Month for Bellingham Bay #12 RAM. We will be having our regular meeting on Monday the 19th, dinner 6:30 pm meeting 7:30 pm. We will conferring the Past Master degree on WB Carey James and having Election of Officers. Your High Priest has found a replacement for himself and will be assuming the duties of Secretary. We will also be planning the International Night for October and the Affirmation Day celebration at the Peace Arch. All Royal Arch Masons are invited to attend and any Master Mason in good standing is more than welcome to petition our body for membership. Thom Baughn - High Priest

"Legion of Honor" to be Conferred

Dr. Kenneth Gass is to receive the "Legion of Honor" from the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. This is the highest Honor that can be bestowed on a Master Mason due to his continuous effort to support DeMolay, the youth in his community, and bring distinguished honor to the Fraternity. WB Gass has long been a supporter of youth in our community as evidenced by his participation in the Masonic Scholarship Association, School board, and all his other contributions. The ceremony will be conducted by other Legionnaires and the Executive Officer of our Jurisdiction, MWB Jimmy Reid.

The date of this auspicious event is set for 7 pm., Friday, September 30, 2005 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Hall in Bellingham, WA. This ceremony is open to the public, so please join us for this well deserved recognition for Dr. Ken Gass.

Thom Baughn

Bellingham Bay hosts The Grand Master's Summit

On Friday September 2nd, 2005, Bellingham Bay Lodge will again host the Grand Master's Summit at the Scottish Rite Hall on State Street. This has become an interesting and fun annual event. Dinner 6:30pm (**\$10 cost, RSVP appreciated**). Stated business will be completed briefly, followed by the annual enjoyment of fellowship provided by MW Vern Wertz, PGM of OR, the current Grand Masters of WA & OR, and the representatives of the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Prince Hall Masons of Washington and Jurisdiction. It will be a unique and full Masonic evening.

WB Ken Gass
Secretary Bellingham Bay #44

A Special Attraction

IN DEFENSE OF THE RUFFIANS
RW Samuel Hunt will perform the one-man play In Defense of the Ruffians. **The cost for attendance is \$10.**

SEPTEMBER 2005 - 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 |
|-----------|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| | | 30 11 a. Kiwanis (BMC) | 31 11a Bridge Club (BMC) | 1 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay Opening at 7 PM (BMC) | 2 11a Bridge Club (BMC) BB # 44-stated Open at 7:30 PM. Grand Master's Summit and the Play "In Defense of the Ruffians - see advertisement. | 3 |
| 4 | 5 5 p. Commandary at (BMC) F-OES #223 Opening at 7:30 p. (FMC) | 6 11 a.m. Kiwanis (BMC) ML-OES # 58 (BMC) Opening at 7:30 p. KI # 186 - 7:30 p. (FMC) | 7 11a Bridge Club (BMC) SJ # 175-stated Opening at 7:30 p. (FHMC) NV # 105 Voc Ed Comm 7p. NMHA Board meets 7:30 p. at the NMC | 8 L # 56-stated Opening at 7:30 PM (FMC) N-OES # 171 Opening at 7:30 p. (FMC) Bethel # 25_JD Obligation, 7 p. (BMC) | 9 11a Bridge Club (BMC) | 10 Highway Cleanup 9a. Whatcom Lodge Installation, at 3:30 p. at BMC Evergreen Assembly #17 Installation - 7 p. at FMC |
| 11 | 12 F #264-stated Opening at 7:30 p. (FMC) | 13 11 a. Kiwanis (BMC) F # 73-stated Opening at 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 Opening at 7 p. (FMC) | 14 11a Bridge Club (BMC) NV # 105-stated Opening at 7:30 p. (NMC) | 15 W 151 -stated - Dinner 5:45 PM Opens at 6:30 p. (BMC) | 16 11a. Bridge Club (BMC) BB # 44 - Special Communication. | 17 MFLA 10 a. Hosted by Nooksack Lodge No. 105 at (BMC) Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay Opening at 7 p. (BMC) |
| 18 | 19 5 p. Royal Arch (BMC) F-OES #223 Opening at 7:30 p. (FMC) | 20 11 a. Kiwanis (BMC) KI # 186-stated Opening at 7:30 p. (FMC) ML-OES # 58 Opening at 7:30 p. (BMC) | 21 11a. Bridge Club (BMC) | 22 N-OES # 171 Opening at 7:30 p. (FMC) L # 56 Oyster Dinner at 6:30 p. (FMC) 7:30 p. Maplewood TB (BMC) | 23 11a. Bridge Club (BMC) | 24 Bethel No. 25 - moved meeting to 9/30/2005 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 11 a. Kiwanis (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 Opening at 7 p. (FMC) | 28 11a. Bridge Club (BMC) | 29 | 30 11a. Bridge Club (BMC) Bethel # 25_JD Opens at, 7 p. (BMC) DeMolay honor WB Ken Gass - Scottish Rite Hall 7p. | |