

Hands Across the Border

Hosted by Lynden International Lodge No. 56 Established 1889

Free & Accepted Masons of Washington

Honoring Grand Masters



M.W.B. Ronald Yates
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A.M. of B.C. & Yukon



M.W.B. Warren Schoeben
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of
F. & A.M. of Washington

Gala Dinner Show

Saturday ~ October 7, 2017

5:30 PM ~ Social

6:00 PM ~ Your scrumptious dinner entrée choices are prime rib or crab cakes

7:30 PM ~ Entertainment starring Bill DeGroot in his artistic tribute to Roy Orbison

We will be treated to a memorable performance by Bill DeGroot in his artistic tribute to Roy Orbison. Orbison (1936-1988), nicknamed **the Big O**, was an American singer-songwriter and musician, known for his distinctive, impassioned voice, complex compositions, and dark emotional ballads. The combination led many critics to describe his music as operatic, giving him the sobriquet "the Caruso of Rock." It may not be Roy himself who entertains us but we should thoroughly enjoy Bill DeGroot's artistic tribute to the Big O.

\$30.00 (Canadian funds at par)

Receipts in excess of costs will be used for our philanthropic programs

Ferndale Masonic Hall

5638 3rd Avenue, Ferndale, WA 98248

(Exit 262 off I-5)

How to get there:

- ◆ Coming from the North or South on I-5, take Main Street Exit 262 toward City Center
- ◆ Turn right onto Main Street
- ◆ Then, turn left onto 3rd Avenue
- ◆ The Ferndale Lodge Hall is on the left.

Hall phone: 360-733-8518

Seating limited to 100 guests. Make your reservations now!
Contact WB Dick Decima at 360-392-0145 or cell 360-820-1660 or email rhdecima@aol.com

Masons, their ladies and guests are most welcome!!!

MARK TWAIN AWARDS

On March 29, 2009 the Masonic Information Center in Silver Spring, MD announced the 2008 winners of the highly regarded Mark Twain Award for Excellence in Masonic Awareness. The Twain Award recognizes Lodge Leadership for asserting a uniquely Masonic identity both within the Lodge and throughout the community that is consistent with the Fraternity's historic focus on education, self-improvement, good works, and fellowship.

There were 18 Lodges who received the Twain Award for Excellence in Masonic Awareness in 2009 out of approximately 15,000 Lodges throughout the nation. **Lynden Lodge No. 56 was one of the 18 winners. The Lodge also received this award in 2010.**

There were only three Lodges in the nation at that time that had won this coveted award more than once and Lynden Lodge No. 56 was one of them!



CHARITY AND CREATING MASONIC AWARENESS

Charity has long been an important part of what Masons do but giving back to the community has an important side benefit. Lynden International Lodge No. 56 has **CREATED MASONIC AWARENESS** within the community. We have done so through the following programs:

Bikes 4 Books in five school districts (Blaine, Ferndale, Lynden, Meridian, Nooksack).
Hundreds of bikes and helmets have been distributed to young readers.

Fifteen beautifully framed portraits on canvas of **artist Rembrandt Peale's painting of Bro. George Washington** were placed in schools and the Lynden Public Library.

Scholarships and Educators of the Year awards to students and educators in four school districts over more than ten years have exceeded \$40,000.

At the Northwest Washington Fair in 2008 **the Children's Identification Program (CHIP)** was successfully initiated in conjunction with the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and the Lynden Police Department. During the ensuing four years, many one-day events also were conducted. Masons and other volunteers processed more than 4000 children during that time.



2018 SPRING HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER EVENT

The Spring *Hands Across the Border* event will be a tyled Lodge meeting
on

Thursday, March 8, 2018 (tentative date pending confirmation from the honorees)
honoring

RWB Barry Burch, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of B. C. & Yukon

and

**RWB James H. Kendall, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of
Washington**

**Masons only are welcome at the 2018 Spring event!
Please put this date on your calendar.**