



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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Whatcom Lodge Report

As all of us are aware we are in the middle of global health crisis. Perhaps like me you frequently check your favorite news source to see what is happening locally and in other countries. At present many brothers in our lodge are handling this crisis with seriousness, patience, humor but also thankfulness for those out on the front lines caring for our fellow citizens who are helping the afflicted. And providing needed services: groceries, pharmacies transportation and so forth.

The other day my wife Sue told me that a few persons on the internet, where she gets information from other self-published writers, expressed they didn't know anyone who was a victim or knew anyone who knew a victim. The next day we learned that our daughter, out of state, tested positive for covid-19 and two days later another daughter also tested positive. They are both quarantined and getting better. Sue and I do have a personal stake in this pandemic but actually we all do because as Masons we care about the lives of our fellow human beings.

I want to give kudos to our WM City John who sends out regular emails with sound information and some humor to lighten an otherwise dreary mood. You will find some of that humor laced throughout this newsletter. WB Boyd McEwen, see page 2, has also shared good and helpful information and a web-address where you can get current data and projections and trends as the various states report. We are cautiously optimistic as our state's infection-rate-curve is flattening a little. I think this is due to quick action by our Governor, the Mayor's of Seattle and surrounding municipalities and citizens taking heed in a timely manner. Let's hope our state's rate continues to flatten out and then start to drop.

Business: The business of the lodge is being handled by the Exec/Fin Committee who are staying in touch via email and phone. Our regular bills are being paid and normal operations will return when our Grand Master MW Charles E. Wood gives the OK. In the mean time your Sec'y gets pertinent information via email from the Grand Sec'y RW Clint Brown Jr. and other GL Staff. Fortunately our modern technology allows us to function at a minimum level. Together we will get through this pandemic and back to a more social life in community.

Warmest regards from Country John and Sue, out on the very edge of civilization and loving it!



Whatcom Lodge 151 meets on the 1st (special) and 3rd (stated-business) Thursdays of each month.

Whatcom Lodge emphasizes Masonic heritage and ritual proficiency. We are proud to support our Masonic Youth organizations and encourage members to practice charity outside the lodge. It is our intention to promote individuals to build their own strong moral and spiritual temples.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

The Grand Master, MWB Charles Wood has suspended Masonic Activity through May 1st, 2020. This could be extended. Stay tuned for developments!

Up-coming Events

Dinner.... The NWSC will advise when they are able to restart the first Tuesday of the month dinners.

Coffee.... Coffee-Tea and /or lunch at the Scottish Rite Hall each Wednesday will resume when the All Clear is given!

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... The Tuesday 12 noon luncheons at the Rusty Wagon will resume just as soon as the All Clear is given by the Governor and our Grand Master.

So far the following events have not been cancelled so let's hope that our efforts at social distancing pays off in time to allow these activities to stay on schedule.

Annual Masonic Family Campout.... Hosted by Whatcom Lodge 151. Is set for June 25th thru 27th at the Masonic Family Park near Granite Falls, WA

To secure your campsite **RSVP** to Bill Kappel at:

appoggiaturadoe@gmail.com

****no later than May31****

see page 3 for details

Masons at Bell's Baseball.... Set for Sunday August 2nd, details to follow.



For DATA Hounds ONLY

OK Brothers, for those of you don't have a favorite board or card game or who can't simply let go of data-gathering here is a very interesting website produced and updated daily by *The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation* that may interest you. The charts are for the USA in general as well as for each individual state. Dr. Fauci said the CDC and the White House monitor these charts daily.

There are three charts for each state, plus three for the country as a whole, select-able from the drop down menu located above the info for "state-mandated social distancing." The charts depict:

- (1) hospital resources available vs resources needed on any given date If you move your cursor the figures change for each day, so you can see what's expected to happen. This is the same for all charts.
- (2) deaths per day in your state/USA
- (3) total deaths in your state/USA

As an example, using the New York chart: deaths in the state yesterday 28 March were at 940. One week later on April 4th they are projected to be 3,703 (almost 400% increase) Things level off around April 30 for New York. Maine started later, so we don't level off until the end of May.

More info than you may want, but it affords a quick way to check on things in your own state. Sorry if my comments seemed unnecessarily detailed, but I know a few of the people to whom I'm sending this are. . . "chart challenged!" ;-)

Stay safe, WB Boyd McEwen

<https://covid19.healthdata.org/projections>

Sec'y Country John.....Another good source of information is:

WORLDOMETERS.INFO This website displays data from most countries. Running totals are in white boxes and new cases are displayed in yellow. New deaths are displayed in red boxes. Info is updated frequently during each reporting day.

The World page also has hot-links so you can check the data from some particular countries of interest. The USA link displays the individual States and Territories so you can keep track of what's happening across our country. The reporting day begins and ends using GMT.

Here is what ***Bellingham Bay*** has going on.
The Brethren of Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44 wish you the best of health and safety as we battle the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notes from Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge No. 56

WM Troy Luginbill and the officers and Brothers of our Lodge desire each of you to be safe and healthy during this pandemic. Our sympathy goes out to any who have family adversely affected by the COVID-19 disease.

WB Dick Decima,
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Whatcom Lodge - Annual Camp-Out

At the Masonic Family Park near Granite Falls, WA

Date: June 25th through 27th

"No grumpy folks allowed"

Anyone* wishing to attend can contact Bill Kappel at:

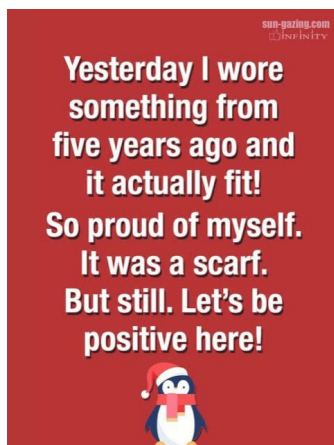
appoggiaturadoe@gmail.com

~~~no later than May 31~~~


\*This camp-out is open to all Masons, their families, DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and Job's Daughters.



Thank you,  
Bill Kappel



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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| 29<br><br><i>I see people around my age mountain climbing, I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.</i> | 30                                                                                                           | 31                                                                              | 1 V of B Scottish Rite: - No meeting.<br><br><i>All Fool's Day</i>            | 2 W #151 - No meeting.                                                                        | 3 BB # 44 - No meeting.         | 4<br><br><b>REMINDER:</b><br><br>9pm is the time to remove your day pajamas and put your night pajamas on. |
| 5                                                                                                                                         | 6 Hesperus Commandery No. 8 - No meeting.                                                                    | 7 ML-OES # 58 No meeting.<br>NWSC meets at Jeckyl & Hyde Ale House - No meeting | 8 V of B Scottish Rite: No meeting.<br>Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay - No meeting | 9 L # 56 Stated, No meetings<br>Evergreen RB # 17 - No meeting.<br><br><i>Passover Begins</i> | 10<br><br><i>Good Friday</i>    | 11                                                                                                         |
| 12<br><br><i>Easter Sunday</i>                                                                                                            | 13 Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM No meeting<br>F-OES # 223 - No meeting<br><br><i>Easter Monday (Canada)</i> | 14 Whatcom Lunch 12 noon Rusty Wagon—No meeting<br>Bethel # 25 No meeting       | 15 V of B Scottish Rite: No meeting                                           | 16 W 151 - No meeting                                                                         | 17 BB # 44 - special No meeting | 18                                                                                                         |
| 19                                                                                                                                        | 20 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - No meeting.                                                                   | 21 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)                                                    | 22 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay No meeting<br><br><i>Earth Day</i>               | 23 Evergreen RB # 17 - No meeting                                                             | 24                              | 25 Bethel #25 - No meeting                                                                                 |
| 26                                                                                                                                        | 27 F-OES # 223 - No meeting                                                                                  | 28                                                                              | 29                                                                            | 30                                                                                            | 1                               |                       |

**Widows & Orphans Fund for District No. 1**

If you would like to know more about the W & O Fund contact one of the officers listed below.

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To contribute to this newsletter please send your letter, comment, historical fact, poem or calendar announcement, by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month, to:

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