



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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A New Term Begins!

The Chinese, who value harmony and order, have a curse, "May you live in interesting times". Between civil strife, violence, political discord, crime, social upheavals, severe weather the ever popular COVID virus, the last two years have been about as interesting as anyone would ever want. If things get any more interesting, sign me up for the next flight to Mars.

With the recent resumption of our meetings, I've looked around the Lodge and it's struck me that the brothers represent the spectrum of political viewpoints, social positions, vocations, religious preferences, economic statuses, ages and personalities. Given everything else going on in the world, it just seems like the perfect recipe for a bar fight. Yet, we meet in harmony, we meet with respect, brotherly affection and a shared enjoyment from spending time together. What could be better proof of the quality and value of our fraternity?

For the last two difficult years, you've all given me your support, tolerance and understanding and I'm grateful. I'm particularly grateful to the brothers who worked so hard to resolve the Maplewood issue. I can't even begin to estimate the hours and effort that were devoted to bringing it all to a conclusion. We've moved forward and I think that we're even stronger for the experience.

The coming term should be busy, fun and rewarding and I'm looking forward to being a Worshipful Has-Been who can sit back and enjoy the conviviality of our Lodge. Thanks to each of you for making that possible.

City John

Secretary — 'Country' John Browne, contact info on page 4

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Aug 6th Bellingham Bay -

Aug 12th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge
opens at 7 pm.

Aug 19th Whatcom Lodge - meeting
opens at 6:30 pm.

Installation of Officers

There are two Installations this month. Whatcom 151 holds its installation on Thursday, August 5th and Bellingham Bay 44 holds theirs the next evening on Friday, August the 6th.

The new officers for Whatcom 151 include:

WM will be WB Craig Bruner
SW will be VW Terrell Goertz
JW will be WB Monte Thompson
Trea. will be WB Ted Schuman
Sec'y will be VW John Browne
Chap will be Br. Jerry Hill
SD will be WB Ken Peck
JD will be Br. Jeff Roskelley
SS will be Br. Bruce Smith
JS will be Br. Bill Kappelle
Tyler will be Br. Chris Waters

The new officers for Bellingham Bay 44 are:

WM will be WB Scott Saunders
SW will be Br. Leonard Hubbard
JW will be Br. Doug Kingston
Trea. will be WB Dick Zaglow
Sec'y will be VW David Burn
Chap will be VW Winton Smith
SD will be WB Thom Baugh
JD will be VW Glenn Hutchings



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.

IN MEMORIAM

Whatcom Lodge No. 151

It is sad news to report that Whatcom lodge has had another Brother called to the Celestial Lodge Above.

Bro. Charles "Chuck" Rahlin McCord began his Masonic journey in 1974 with Oak Plains Lodge # 789 when he was *Initiated* on 1/07/1974. He was *Passed* on 3/28/1974 and *Raised* on 5/13/1974. Bro. McCord requested a Dimit from Oak Plains 789 on 12/17/1986. Bro. Chuck McCord relocated to Bellingham, Washington.

Bro. Chuck petitioned Whatcom Lodge for Affiliation and was Elected on 1/15/1987. A few years later he Affiliated as a Plural Member with Fairhaven Lodge 73, on 1/09/1990. Bro. Chuck was a notable and popular figure in Bellingham and was a strong supporter of Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay. Bro. Chuck McCord will be greatly missed.

Submitted by Sec'y, VW *John Browne*

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

"Write it on your heart
that every day is the best day in the year.
He is rich who owns the day, and no one owns the day
who allows it to be invaded with fret and anxiety.

Finish every day and be done with it.
You have done what you could.
Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt crept in.
Forget them as soon as you can, tomorrow is a new day;
begin it well and serenely, with too high a spirit
to be cumbered with your old nonsense.

This new day is too dear,
with its hopes and invitations,
to waste a moment on the yesterdays."

Lynden/Ferndale Int. 56

Brethren, greetings from our Worshipful Master, WB Troy Luginbill. I looked at the calendar and it says that in a little over a week it will be August, is it my age or are the years getting shorter?

Lynden/Ferndale Int. #56 held an in person Stated Communication on June 24th for the first time since February of 2020. We were honored to have our District Deputy in attendance and I'm sorry to report that we were able to observe our Grand Masters edict that we socially distance ourselves in our seating. We are working to try and change that. We elected six new Brothers to membership at that communication and are going to work on ideas to both get our absent Brothers back in Lodge and to generate local interest in Masonry.

We were dark during July but will be back in session on August 12th at 7pm. If it has been a while since you last attended a Lynden/Ferndale International #56 Communication, which is probably the case since we haven't been Lynden/Ferndale International all that long, we would like to invite you all to our back to work session on August 12th. If we are allowed to have refreshments by then our Ladies serve up some fine eats, if not, our next door neighbor has a sandwich truck on site and several varieties of liquid refreshments available and a lot of room for long overdue visits.

We hope your summer has been enjoyable and what is left of it, even more so.

WB Everett Thompson for L/F Int.

Wisdom from

Masonic Brother... Will Rogers



"There are three kinds of men. The one that learns by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves."

Will Rogers

IN MEMORIAM

Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge No. 56

It is with regret that I have to announce the passing of three long time members of our Fraternity: Bro. Cleo Callen, VWB Paul Ingram and VWB John Sleeth. We are all poorer with the death of these dedicated Masons.

Bro Cleo Callen was born on November 19th, 1950 in Wendell, Idaho and passed away in Phoenix, Arizona on March 22nd, 2019 after a losing battle with Cancer. He was elected to Membership on June 24th, 1964 and Raised on March 10th, 1975. Ferndale 264 was his Father's Lodge as well as his brother Charles. Bro. Cleo was always ready to help where needed and I had the good fortune to know Cleo both as a Brother Mason and a fellow contractor. His passing is our loss.

VWB Paul Ingram was born in Oakland, California on April 13th, 1941 and passed away in Bellingham on October 19th, 2020 after an extended illness. He was raised in his Oakland, California Lodge and served there as District Deputy for a seven-year period. While a member of Ferndale 264, VW Paul filled in wherever he was needed. He served one year as Senior Deacon. VW Paul was very civic minded and served on the Ferndale City Council and could most times be found at the Ferndale City Information Office. His advice and commitment to Masonry will be so missed.

VWB John Sleeth was born on January 28th, 1945 in Long Beach, California and passed away on July 3rd, 2021 in Arizona. Bro John became a Mason as a young man and was raised a Master Mason on January, 19th, 1971 in Mount Baker Lodge No. 36. He was a Life Member of both Mt. Baker #36 and Lynden Lodge #56.

VW John served on numerous Grand lodge committees starting in June of 1972 until June of 2004. Committees included: Masonic Home Endowment, Long Range Planning, Credentials, Finance Public Relations and the Masonic Tribune. VW Sleeth served as Deputy of the Grand Master in District Ten from June of 1995 to June of 1997. John served as Grand Musician from June 2007 to June of 2008, and was also Lodge Musician from early on in his Masonic career. He frequently sat in as Musician for other Lodges and a Masonic events. VW John Sleeth served as Master of Lynden #56 from October of 2015 thru November of 2016. John and Gerry Ellen Sleeth were members of the Order of Eastern Star and loaned their time and talents in support of our local Masonic youth groups.

VW John was a dedicated Mason will be sorely missed.

Submitted by...WB Everett Thompson...*PM and PSec'y*

The Windows and Orphans Fund

The District 10 Widows and Orphans fund provides financial assistance to the Widows and Orphans of its members. Upon notification of a member's death, financial assistance is paid to a designated beneficiary. Membership is open to all Master Masons of District 10 in Whatcom County, Washington who are in good standing and under the age of 75.

Application Fee:

Age 54 and younger \$25

Age 55 to 64 \$50

Age 65 to 74 \$75

Executive Committee:

President John Brown

Vice- President Jesse Petersen

Secretary /Treasurer Ken Peck

There are currently 77 members in the organization. Because of the restrictions of the pandemic, no annual meeting was held last year and thus no annual assessments were made. On January 1st, assessments will be sent to all members for the combined 2020 and 2021 calendar years. The assessment will be based on the number of members who have passed to the Temple, Not Made With Hands during that time frame. According to our by-laws, that assessment will be \$10 per passed Brother.

The 2021 Annual Meeting will be in November (date to be determined). Members are encouraged to attend. If you would like to be an officer in the organization, please attend the November Annual meeting.

Questions about the fund may be directed to the Secretary, WB Ken Peck at sectreswof@gmail.com

Whatcom Lodge 151 - Audit Conducted

The Lodge Audit Committee, consisting of WB Ted Schuman and WB Ken Peck met with Sec'y VW John Browne and completed the Audit for the 2020 –2021 Term of WM John Brown. The audit took place on Tuesday, July 20th.

The Audit Committee Chair, WB Ted Schuman will present his the committee's report at the August 15th Stated Communication of Whatcom Lodge 151.

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
1	2 Declaration of Independence signed on parchment, 1776	3	4 Washington raised to the Master Mason degree, 1753	5 W151 Special Communication, Tyled Installation of officers. Dinner at 5:30 pm, lodge opens at 6:30 pm	6 BB#44 meeting. Open Installation of Officers.	7
8	9	10	11	12 LFI56 Stated meeting begins at 7pm.	13	14 Washington appointed to command the Virginia Regiments, 1755
15	16	17	18	19 W151 Stated Communication, dinner at 5:30 pm lodge opens at 6:30 pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

**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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WB **Jesse Petersen** - *Vice President*
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