



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

Free and Accepted Masons of Washington

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Whatcom Lodge Report

The End of Year report was filed and here are the numbers:

Whatcom Lodge conferred 10 degrees during the 2019 Year.

We had 2 brothers Raised and 2 brothers added as Affiliated Dual members and 2 brothers Reinstated to the rolls.

On the negative side we lost 3 brothers to the Scythe of Time. We temporarily lost a member to NPD but he has already been reinstated.

We have 10 50-Year Life members and 9 50-Year members.

The Master Mason membership total on 12/31/2019 was 100.

Year's End: There was a flurry of activity at the end of 2019. The Tuesday Dec. 17th Lunch at the Rusty Wagon had 17 in attendance. At our Dec. 19th Stated Communication Bro's Randy Benson and Moss Roberts both completed their EA Prophecies in front of the Lodge Brothers. There were 20 brothers attending, 1 visitor and 1 guest for dinner. On Friday Dec. 27th we held our annual Feast of St. John the Evangelist and there were 31 in attendance.

Special Communication: Our January Spl. Comm. was on Thursday, Jan. 2nd. We had 20 Whatcom Brothers attending and 4 guests for dinner. This evening we held a double Fellowcraft Degree for Bro's Randy Benson and Moss Roberts. The degrees were conferred by VW Terrell Goertz with WB Thom Baugh being the SD for the first section. Our two newest MM's, Jeff Roskelley and Bill Kappele handled the Steward positions and Bill also presented the *Working Tools*. WB Ken Peck handled the *MC Lecture* and Terrell gave the "G" Lecture and the *Charge*. It was so nice to have such a great turnout.

Stated Cancelled: The January 16th Stated Communication was cancelled by WM John Brown per the WMC, as a travel safety precaution, due to the severe weather conditions all over Whatcom County and region.

Special Communication: The February 6th Special Communication was attended by 16 members and 2 visitors.

Presentation: WM John Brown Presented to WB Larry West the Tyler Emeritus Award for long and devoted service to Whatcom Lodge 151.

Stated Communication: The February Stated Communication was on Thursday, Feb. 20th. We had 20 brothers, 1 visitor in attendance and 2 guests for dinner. (continued on page 2)

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Mar 6th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Mar 12th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge
56 - 7 pm

Mar 19th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at
5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Up-coming Events

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, March 17th at 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. Yeh, St. Patrick's Day. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

Coffee.... Don't forget, Coffee-Tea and / or lunch at the Scottish Rite Hall each Wednesday at noonish. VW Don Higerson will have the coffee on at 11:30 am. Good discussion and lunch if you wish to bring one.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, April 21st at 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, May 19th at 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, June 16th at 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

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 Kappele 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.



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.

Special Guest: As it turned out this evening's visitor was a very special guest, RWB Chris Coffman, Deputy Grand Master of the MW Grand Lodge F&AM of Washington. Though he came unannounced WM John Brown and his officers were not rattled and did a fine job of opening & closing, and RW Chris so noted in his comments to the assembled Brethren.

Audit: WB Ted Schuman reported that the Lodge Audit was completed on January 22nd, 2020 and no irregularities were found. The procedure was unfortunately delayed due to a series of unexpected family issues our Sec'y, VW John Browne had to cope with this past Fall.

Presentation: WM John Brown, assisted by DGM Chris Coffman made the following presentation to Bro. Frank Myers. Bro. Myers has held numerous Offices in Whatcom Lodge over the years, including both Junior and Senior Warden stations. Unfortunately some circumstances did not allow him to move to the East. After consulting with several members of the Lodge and with unanimous concurrence of the Elected Officers the Status of Honorary Past Master of Whatcom Lodge was conferred on now WB Frank Myers.

WB Frank Myers was presented with a Past Masters Apron, pin and apron case with brass name plate. Needless to say Frank was a bit caught off guard and did not know what to say, other than thank you.

Masonic Youth: At most all of our meetings we are updated on the activities of our three local Masonic Youth Organizations. WB Thom Baugh, WB Paul Brainard and Bro. Dave Lemon provide this valuable information.

At our Dec. 19th 2019 Stated Meeting it was moved, 2nd and approved to donate \$500 each to Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay, Bethel No. 25 JDI and Evergreen Assembly No. 17 IORG. We are planning to host the groups for a presentation. This is our 2nd year for such awards and we intend to continue this more robust support to our young folk.

Next Spl. Communication is Thursday March 5th and the Stated is Thursday March 19th. Dinner is at 5:30 pm and Lodge opens at 6:30 pm.

Fraternally: VW John Browne...my contact info is on page 4, bottom right hand corner.

Notes from the Secretary...On Lodge Successes

A Few Good Men:

Some years ago, in a fit of desperation we, like other lodges brought in lots of new members, but then lost many of them. Realizing this wasn't working we changed. Whatcom Lodge modified it's "recruiting" program before the formal GL Six Step system came on the scene. Ours is very similar for the most part. Under the charge of WB Ted Schuman, WB Ken Peck, our Web-Master and Sec'y country John we form a sort of in-take team. Many of our new-member-inquiries come via our Homepage. These are directed to Ted who set up a sort of a vetting process. The inquirer comes for one or more meetings where he learns about Masonry and our Lodge, and we learn about him. This system has proved to be very effective as we now lose far few men through the degrees than in years past. New membership keeps our ritual skills sharp. Our new members have been and continue to show an active interest in lodge events.

Good and wholesome Instruction:

Over the past several years, starting with the term of WB Terrell Goertz, there has been a serious up-tic in the Masonic Education provided at Whatcom Lodge. There have been a few ups and downs, but for the most part these educational presentations have been very good. Guests have included WWII veteran's relaying their experiences plus information presented on the Civil War, a variety of military topics, and on various topics about Freemasonry. History is generally a favorite area of interest in lodge. There have been slide-presentations of places and activities of interest. All of our recent WM's have tried to make our meetings more interesting and informative. I think they have, by and large, succeeded admirably .

Keeping Members Interested:

The success of our Lodge rests upon the efforts of an expanding group of brothers actively participating. The social events of our lodge have really helped to bond the brethren. The pre-meeting dinners, started by WB Mike Johnston, have proven to be central to this fraternal bonding. The Tuesday Lunch, now in it's second full year, is very well attended. The every Wednesday coffee hour at the Scottish Rite Temple is doing well too. We also have the annual Masonic Family Campout, the Summer BBQ and the annual December 27th Feast of St. John; all of which are open to our wives, local Masonic family and friends. Lastly, we try to keep our communication lines open and up-to-date. WB Ken Peck maintains a current Whatcom Homepage. We do have a Facebook page and a newsletter. There is very active phone and email exchanges between the officers and active members.

Here is what **Bellingham Bay** has going on.

Friday March 6th Stated Communication:
Friday March 20th Special Communication:



Notes from Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge No. 56

Mar 12th Stated Meeting 7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

Next Stated Communication

Our next Stated meeting is on Thursday, March 12th, of 2020.

WB Dick Decima,
Secretary....Ph. 392-0145
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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 Kappele 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 Kappele

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OPEN TO CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AND DEPENDENTS OF WASHINGTON MASONS IN GOOD STANDING, OR WASHINGTON MEMBERS OF MASONIC YOUTH ORDERS

**2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**  
**Masonic Legacy Scholarship - \$3,750 each**  
Washington Masonic Charities is proud to offer four \$3,750 regional scholarships for graduating high school senior-aged children, grandchildren or dependents of a Washington Mason in Good Standing.

**Masonic Youth Order Scholarships - \$3,000 each**  
Supporting our Masonic Youth is a priority. We are pleased to provide each youth order a \$3,000 scholarship. Must be a graduating high school senior-aged, and active, Washington resident youth member of Rainbow, Job's Daughters, or DeMolay.

PLEASE APPLY AT [WWW.WASHBOARD.ORG](http://WWW.WASHBOARD.ORG)

**College Bound**  
Washington Masonic Charities provides higher education scholarships exclusively for high school seniors who are members of our Masonic family or Masonic Youth Orders to pursue college, university, or vocational/technical education after high school. *These scholarships are not open to the general public.*

*Local Lodge scholarship programs are independent.*  
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| Who Can Apply                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | How to Apply                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | New Application Deadline                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Open to public, private and homeschooled graduating students<br><b>Masonic Legacy Scholarships</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children, grandchildren or dependents of a Washington Mason in good standing</li> </ul> <b>Masonic Youth Order Scholarships</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be an active member of DeMolay, Rainbow, or Job's Daughters</li> <li>Recommendation by Chapter Dad, Mother Advisor or Bethel Guardian</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Go to <a href="http://www.washboard.org">www.washboard.org</a></li> <li>Sign up for a washboard.org account</li> <li>Enter Washington Masonic Charities in the search bar</li> <li>Select either Legacy or DeMolay, Rainbow, Job's Daughter application</li> <li>Complete the application</li> <li>Upload your transcript, letters of recommendation, and work history.</li> </ul> | <b>March 31, 2020</b><br>Applications will be reviewed in April 2020 and award notifications made no later than June 1, 2020.<br><br><b>Regional Scholarships</b><br>Four Legacy Scholarships will be awarded two in Western Washington (North & South) and two in Eastern Washington (North & South) |

For more information contact: Kurt Miller  
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**INVESTING IN YOUTH & EDUCATION**

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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| <b>1</b>                                            | <b>2</b> Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30                                   | <b>3</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p                                                                     | <b>4</b> V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm                     | <b>5</b> W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm.                      | <b>6</b> BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.   | <b>7</b>                        |
| <b>8</b><br><br><i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> | <b>9</b> Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p<br>F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC) | <b>10</b> Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm                                                                      | <b>11</b> V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm<br>Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm | <b>12</b> L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm<br>Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)                         | <b>13</b>                            | <b>14</b>                       |
| <b>15</b>                                           | <b>16</b> Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p.                                | <b>17</b> Whatcom Lunch 12 noon Rusty Wagon ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)<br><br><i>St. Patrick's Day</i> | <b>18</b> V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm                                      | <b>19</b> W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.<br><br><i>Spring Begins</i> | <b>20</b> BB # 44 - special 7:30 pm. | <b>21</b>                       |
| <b>22</b>                                           | <b>23</b> F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)                                          | <b>24</b>                                                                                             | <b>25</b> Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm ?                                                | <b>26</b> Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)                                                   | <b>27</b>                            | <b>28</b> Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm |
| <b>29</b>                                           | <b>30</b>                                                                    | <b>31</b>                                                                                             | <b>1</b>                                                                                     | <b>2</b>                                                                                 | <b>3</b>                             | <b>4</b>                        |

**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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