



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

Free and Accepted Masons of Washington

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Brethren,

As I'm writing this, Independence Day is about two weeks away. A lot can happen in those two weeks, so bear with me if my crystal ball turns out to be a bit cloudy.

This year, we'll not only celebrate the independence of our country from England, but (hopefully) independence from so many COVID restrictions and limitations. That second part is where my crystal ball really clouds up. The governor has said that the state will "open up" at the end of June, but I'm not sure just what that means. Honestly, I doubt that anyone knows.

The direction from Grand Lodge is, basically, "Read the requirements for yourself and do what they say". OK, I've read (and re-read, and re-read, then read them again) and I won't even pretend to understand them. Frankly, I suspect that the regulations were written by a coterie of sinister bureaucrats and evil lawyers, probably the same ones who wrote the 144 page incomprehensible tome known as the Washington Sport Fishing Regulations. There's a special place in hell waiting for those people. Still, it's the situation we've been handed.

There have been reasonable questions about "Why can't we do this or that?" or, "When can we get back to doing this or that?". My answer is, "I don't know". All I can say is that we'll read the announcements as they come out, try to understand them, cast the oracle bones, beat sticks on the ground, dance around the fire and then try to make the best decisions that we can for the safety and welfare of our Lodge.

We can wring our hands and cry, "Woe is me!", over all of this, or we can do what our founding fathers, many of them Masons, did when they faced the seemingly impossible and reckless task of standing against the most formidable military force of the day. We can decide what's right, hold firm in our resolve, and stand together to do our best. That's who we are. We can feel sorry for ourselves over the COVID regulations, but when we realize that 245 years ago our brothers literally risked their lives and fortunes, facing muskets and bayonets for their beliefs, how can we even begin to compare? Our brothers prevailed and so will we.

In the meantime, I wish each of you a happy Fourth of July and the enjoyment of the many blessings that Deity has lavished on us and our nation. We have so much for which we should be humbly grateful.

City John

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



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

July 2nd Bellingham Bay -

July 8th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge

July 15th Whatcom Lodge - meeting at 6:30 pm.



THIS IS YOUR
FIRST & LAST
WARNING



Oh, did I forget to mention. He's in the Brotherhood of Freemasons!!



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June 13, 2021

To the Craft in Washington:

The pandemic, and the restrictions caused by it, has been perhaps the largest disruption to our Masonic labors in the history of the Grand Lodge of Washington. I thank you for your patience and perseverance as we have tried to deal appropriately with governmental health mandates.

All directives relating to the pandemic expired on the evening of June 12, and I do not intend upon issuing another directive.

By the Grace of the Grand Architect of the Universe, it seems that the pandemic is coming to an end and, as such, it is appropriate that our Masonic Labors resume. As we begin our Masonic Labors, it is important to remember that we are still facing State and Local Governmental pandemic restrictions. It is incumbent upon us, as Masons, that we, and our Lodges and Temple Boards abide by these restrictions. They are continually changing, so should be checked frequently. The information you need to protect yourself and you Lodges can be located at:

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov>

I ask that each and every one of us ensure that the resumption of Masonic Labor respect the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. We must do our very best to properly Guard the West Gate while we are faced with an influx of candidates held over through the pandemic. That we ensure our ritual work is top notch before we Initiate new men into our Fraternity, and that we ensure that our Lodges provide quality Masonic Education, and a compelling reason for Masons to attend each and every Stated or Special Meeting.

Live The Legend,

Cameron M. Bailey
Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington



cc: Clinton M. Brown, Jr., Grand Secretary
Jurisprudence Committee

THE TALE OF TWO WOLVES

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, ‘My son, the battle is between two “wolves” inside us all.

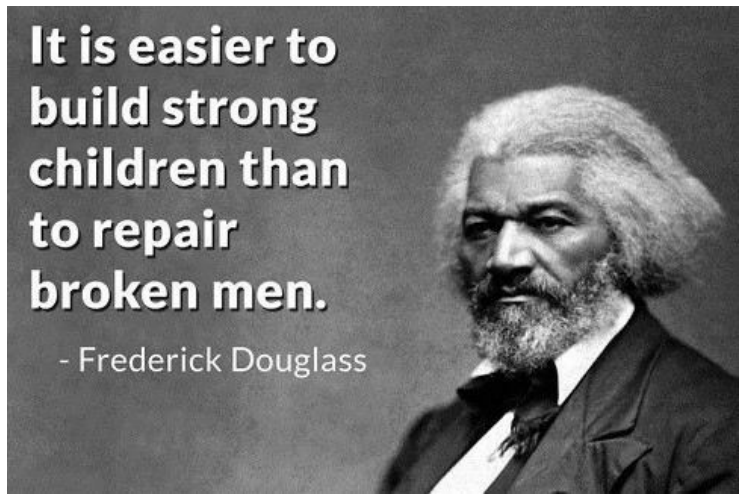
One wolf is Evil. It is composed of anger, envy and doubt; sorrow, guilt, regret, self-pity, inferiority and resentment; arrogance, lies, false pride, superiority and ego.

The other wolf is Good. It is composed of joy, love, hope, peace and serenity; humility, kindness, benevolence and generosity; forgiveness, empathy, compassion, truth and faith.”

The grandson thought a few minutes, about what his grandfather had told him, and then asked his grandfather: “Which wolf wins?”

The old Cherokee simply replied, “The one you feed.”

When relaxing after COVID,
please remember the following
advice from a respected Mason:



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
27	28	29	30	1 W-151 Special, lodge opens 6:30 pm	2 BB 44 meet	3
4	5	6	7	8 LFI-56 Stated, Lodge opens at 7 pm	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 W-151 Stated, lodge opens 6:30 pm Election of Officers	16 BB 44 meet	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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for District No. 1**

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