



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

Free and Accepted Masons of Washington

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November 2021

## Happy Thanksgiving Whatcom Brothers!

### Whatcom Lodge Report

October 21<sup>st</sup> we held our Stated meeting. There were 15 members on hand, one visitor and 4 guests came for dinner.

**Posting Lecture:** FCB Mos Roberts completed his FC Proficiency with the aid of WB Ted Schuman, he did a fine job.

**New Business:** After hearing the finance report WB Thom Baughn moved to contribute \$5,000 to the Whatcom County Food Banks, the money to be divided proportionately among the various locations. Second by Frank Myers, motion passed. There was further discussion

**Committee reports:** The *Lodge Outreach Committee*, Chaired by Alex Bruner, with Ted Schuman, is preparing an outline to present to the Lodge; Ted described it briefly and the members seemed to be favorably disposed. WM Ken Peck commented that Grand Lodge has a "Rusty Mason" program on the GL website which Ted said he would review.

**The Feast of St. John's Day dinner Committee:** Lairmont Manor has been selected as the site, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> the date, and catering is being arranged. It will be a Formal Affair with ladies invited. Ted moved and Claude 2nd to commit to a contract with Lairmont Manor for a minimum of 30 people and set the price per person at \$40 (not including the cost of wine) with the lodge to pick up any slack in expenses. An AD will appear in our Newsletter.

November 4<sup>th</sup> we held our last Special Communication. This meeting was attended by 17 members and 5 guests for dinner.

**Masonic Education-program:** Off-session at 6:50 pm...SW Terrell Goertz gave a very informative presentation on investments and markets with an emphasis on the long-game and with diversification in the portfolio. This is what Whatcom Lodge is doing.

WM Bruner showed a brief video on the topic of Masonic Faith-Hope-Charity. The video noted in the Bible the word 'Charity' was actually a mistranslation which more properly should be translated as 'Love'.

WM Craig said that he would be appointing one or two members to a Charity Committee, which at it's base contains the Finance Committee as established by our lodge By-Laws. This Finance Committee will establish some protocols regarding how much money would be annually available for charity disbursement establish a priority disbursement structure with Masonic members and organizations at the top, local community needs and so forth down the list.

On-session at 7:40pm. WM Bruner called the lodge back on session.

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



Whatcom Lodge 151 meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> (special) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (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

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge  
opens at 7 pm.

Nov 18<sup>st</sup> Whatcom Lodge - meeting  
opens at 6:30 pm.

### Official Visit of the Deputy to Whatcom Lodge 151

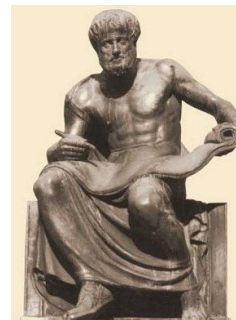
VW Kurt Gazow will be making his Official to Whatcom Lodge 151 on Thursday Evening, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

The DDGM will meet with Executive Officers at 4:30 pm to go over the lodge records.

Dinner will be at 5:30 pm.

### District Ten Meeting

The Annual district Ten Meeting is set for Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7 pm. It is hoped that as many Whatcom Members as possible will attend to show support for VW Kurt Gazow and well as for our Lodge.



**We are what we  
repeatedly do.  
Excellence then  
is not an act,  
but a habit.**

Aristotle

**"At his best, man is the noblest  
of all animals;  
separated from law and justice  
he is the worst."**

## Brethren of Whatcom #151,

It's been three months since our installation, time passes quickly. Masonry is strong and flourishing in our Lodge in despite the setbacks from the Covid shut down. Thanks to WB John Brown, a robust and skilled Lodge was ready for our newly installed team. On our first meeting we conferred an EA degree on Brother Luke Sullateskee, what a great way to start off a new term! Growth is occurring and candidates are continuing to express interest in our Craft. We are having fun meeting and getting to know them. Two Brothers, Master Masons have petitioned to affiliate with our Lodge. Additionally, we will be conferring a third degree on Brother Moss Roberts at our stated meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>. With this steady growth the work of Freemasonry will continue well into the future.

We are hosting a Feast of Saint John dinner on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Social hour at 6:00 with dinner at 7:00. Menu main courses will be a choice of either salmon or prime rib. Stay tuned for complete menu choices. Location is at Lairmont Manor, 405 Fieldston Road, Bellingham. Formal dress, tuxedo preferred. Please *RSVP with payment* to Whatcom Lodge, 9960 Stardust Lane, Maple Falls, WA. 98266. For questions call Brother John Browne at 360-599-3481 or e-mail: [jbrowne.brf@gmail.com](mailto:jbrowne.brf@gmail.com). *RSVPs* are due by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

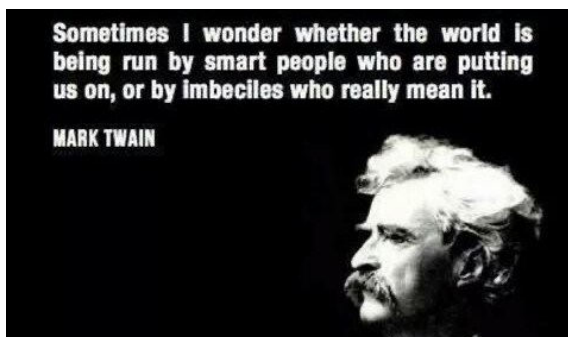
We meet for lunch on the third Tuesday of each month. Join us and come early enough so that lunch can be ordered and served by 12:00. Location is at the Rusty Waggon 6937 Hannegan road, Lynden. Next is Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.

If it's been a while since you have been in Lodge we would especially love to see you. Please join us on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Dinner is served at 5:30, Lodge is tiled at 6:30. Please RSVP if you plan on joining for dinner, we want to make sure there are generous portions.

November 18<sup>th</sup> is our Official visit by VWB Kurt Gazow, Deputy of the Grand Master in District No.10 of the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington. Please join us.

If transportation is of concern call 1-425-445-1201. Brother Jerry Hill our transportation chairman will be happy to assist.

Fraternally, Brother Craig Bruner  
WM Whatcom #151 360 319 7163



## Whatcom Brothers...

Below is an edited version of the email sent to your lodge officers in preparation for both our upcoming OV from the DDGM and the annual District Ten Meeting.

**Subject:** LODGE: Whatcom No. 151 Official Visit

Good evening Brothers:

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying visits from your neighborhood kids this Halloween! It's hard to believe we're already this far into our new Masonic Year! Though we still operate with limitations to ensure safety from COVID-19, conditions continue to improve. As does the calendar, Masonry continues to move ahead, and our labors continue to be performed by the wonderful Brothers of our District. From connecting with Brothers, wonderful degrees, visitations and more, I'm proud of the continuing work of the Brothers of District 10.

As noted above, our District No. 10 meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 7pm. The Grand Master will be hosting all the District Meetings via Zoom this year, which will allow our Brothers to connect to the meeting from the comfort of their homes. There is a prescribed format for the District Meeting, which I will share more of in the coming weeks.

As with each Masonic Year, each Deputy works to complete their Official Visits, when possible, prior to the District Meeting. This will allow me to learn from and share celebrations from your Lodge with members of the Grand Lodge team, as well as have a little fun together as Masons. I look forward to the visit, and hope you do too!

If possible, my preference would be to meet with your Lodge officers approximately one to one and a half hours before your meeting begins so that we can complete our review and discussions ahead of time. The attendance of the Worshipful Master and Secretary are imperative, though attendance of the Wardens and Treasurer are also welcomed.

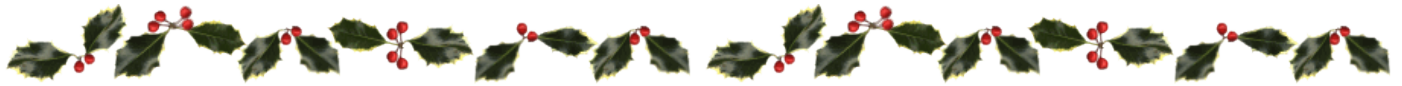
*S&F,*

*V.W. Kurt Gazow*

**Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 10**

As noted in other parts of this newsletter our OV for the DDGM is Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The District ten Meeting is set for Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7 pm.





# 2021 Feast of St. John the Evangelist

Open to the Masonic Community

This is a festive suit & tie affair so our Ladies can dress up

Make your reservation early as we are limited to about 50. Or 25 couples.

Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at the

**Lairmont Mannor**

405 Fieldston Road, Bellingham, WA

Dinners are **\$40.50** per plate

Wine/Beverages will be provided

You have a choice between two main entrees

*Prime Rib* OR *Salmon*

**RSVP's are required** Your check with meal choice is your reservation and must be made before Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

(Once meals have been confirmed to the caterer no refunds are possible for NO Shows)

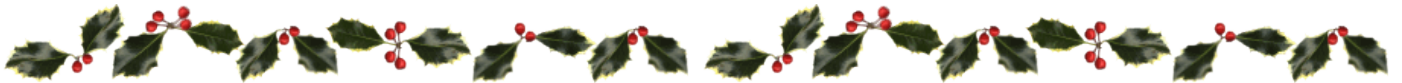
Questions to VW Don Higgerson: 605-924-0617 or email: [don@higgerson.us](mailto:don@higgerson.us)

**"Make Checks payable to *Whatcom Lodge #151*"**

Send your **RSVP** + *check and entrée choice* to

*Sec'y John Browne*

9960 Stardust Lane, Maple Fall, WA 98266



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
31  All Hallows Eve	1  All Saints Day	2	3	4 W-151 Special Communication, diner at 5:30 pm, lodge open at 6:30 pm	5 BB-44 Stated 7pm  George Washington is made an EAM at the Lodge in Fredericksburg VI, 1752	6
7	8	9	10	11 Lyn/Fern Int 56 Stated 7pm  <i>Veterans Day</i>	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 W-151 Stated Communication, dinner at 5:30 pm, lodge open at 6:30 pm OV of the DDGM VW	19 BB-44 hosts a MM Degree, Master Masons welcome.	20
21	22	23	24	25  <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	26  President Washington calls for creation of a national day of Thanksgiving, 1789	27
28  <i>Hanukah begins</i>	29	30	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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 Email: sectreaswof@gmail.com

WB John Brown - *President,*

WB Jesse Petersen - *Vice President*  
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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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