



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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Whatcom Lodge Report

The September *Special Communication* was held on Thursday, Sep. 2nd and there were 18 Whatcom members in attendance plus 1 guest for dinner. The highlight of the meeting was an active discussion on getting back to our traditional lodge events and visitations.

Off Session at 7:05 pm: WM Craig Bruner called the lodge off-session for some Masonic Education and allowing the brethren to move freely about the lodge room. WM Bruner asked the members to list off the numerous Masonic events, the social ones in particular, in which we try to participate in each year: The following were noted: 3rd *Tuesday Luncheon* at Rusty Wagon, *Every Wednesday Coffee* at Scottish Rite Hall, *Dec. 27th Feast of St. John the Evangelist*, *Robbie Burns Night* at Prince David Lodge in B.C., *The Inst. Of Officers at San Juan Lodge* in Dec., *Our Summer Lodge BBQ*, the *Lodge Summer Camping Trip* at Masonic Park, the *Outdoor FC Degree*, hosted by San Juan Lodge, the *Outdoor MM Degree* hosted at Masonic Park, the *Annual Communication* hosted by Grand Lodge of WA. In past year's we had *Past Masters Dinners* and we've talked about having a *June 24th Feast of St. John the Baptist* event.

Discussion was had about reestablishing these connections and events in light of the pandemic which adversely affected attendance to many of them.

Lodge meals: Discussion was also had on the subject of our per-meeting dinners. JW Monte Thompson said it would be good if the Lodge created a Meal Calendar. That way any brother who might wish to be the cook for a given meeting could sign up. That brother would still be supported by the JW and Stewards and other volunteers. Non-selected meeting dates will be catered. A **Lodge Meal Committee** was set up consisting of JW WB Monte Thompson, JS Bro. Bruce Smith and WB Ken Peck.

We held our *Stated Communication* on Thursday, September 16th and there were 18 Whatcom members, 1 visitor and 2 guests for dinner. The normal bills were enumerated and approved for payment. It was also discussed and authorized for the Lodge to purchase a Printer and Lap-Top computer. The printer to be used at the Hall and the Lap Top for the Secretary to keep the Lodge Records on and to be passed on to his successor in office.

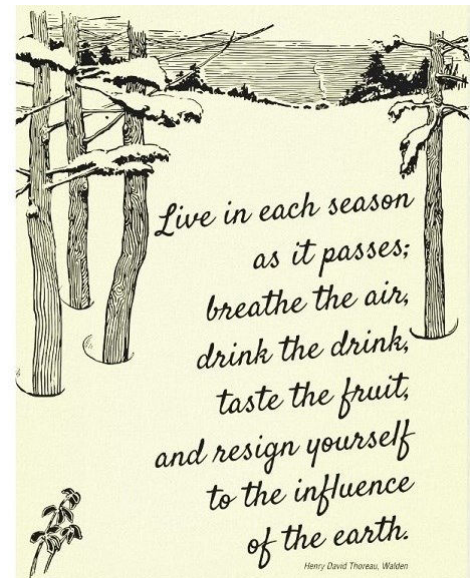
The lodge also voted to have the Secretary follow the WMC and to drop those brothers who do not present themselves for the next degree within the prescribed year. A written notice will be sent out to those affected by the Failure to Advance process. One Brother was held back from FTA status because his year was affected by the pandemic.

The next meetings for Whatcom Lodge are October 7th and the 21st. Dinner at 5:30 pm and lodge opening at 6:30 pm.

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

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

- Oct 1st Bellingham Bay - 7 pm
- Oct 14th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge opens at 7 pm.
- Oct 21st Whatcom Lodge - meeting opens at 6:30 pm.



Never be a
prisoner of your past,
it was just a lesson not
a life sentence.



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.

Time decides who you meet in life,
your **heart** decides who you want in your life,
and your **behavior** decides who stays in your life.

Masonic Degrees

October 15th: at the Special Communication of Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44 the Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred on Brother Brad Stirling. The Lodge will be Tyled at 7 pm.

October 22nd: Bellingham Bay will meet for an 'Extra Special' to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree for Mr. Chris Latham.

All Masons are encouraged to attend as we welcome Mr. Latham to Masonry, and Brother Stirling to the Fellowcraft Degree! Looking forward to a fun evening of Masonic Education and fellowship!



Thank you for masking up when you attend Lodge to keep all our Brothers safe and healthy!

Dues and Timely Notice:

Greetings Whatcom Brothers. It is once again time for the **2022** Annual Dues/Assessments Notices to be sent out, this month of October.

For regular Dues/Assessment payers the amount is the same as last year \$128.00

For non-50 year Life Members the assessment is \$28.00 plus any donation you would care to add.

As in the past, 50-year and 50-year Life Members are exempt. However any donation you'd care to make will be gratefully accepted. There are always one or two brothers who need assistance with dues/assessments from time to time.

Of course you may pay your dues/assessment at any Lodge meeting or wait until your notice comes in the mail. Checks or Money Orders/Grams are to be made out to: **Whatcom Lodge #151**.

If by chance you still owe dues and/or the assessment for 2021 you may simply add the amount to this year dues/assessment. Should you find that circumstances are such that you can't manage your Dues/assessment please contact me and we'll discuss how the Lodge may be able to help.

Fraternally,
VW John Browne
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KEN'S SEAHAWKS FOOTBALL PARTY



Ken is hosting a **Guy's** Football Party on October 17th. Because of the pandemic, we didn't have one last year, but it is time to get back to it. The Seahawks are playing the Steelers on Sunday Night Football. The game starts at 5:20, so if you are able to come, plan to show up before the game...say 5:00 or so.

We will make a bunch of ribs, baked beans, and coleslaw. Of course there will be plenty of snacks for the game as well. We have a keg of IPA and a fairly well stocked wine cellar. If you prefer something else to drink, feel free to bring it, but other than that, you don't need to bring anything.

RSVP's please so we can plan for the meal; and, if you don't live in the village, we'll need to give the gate a list of attendees.

GO HAWKS!

When: Sunday October 17th, 5PM

Where: 8148 Comox Rd.

Blaine, Wa 98230

RSVP To: kenwpeck@gmail.com

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
26	27	28	29	30	1 BB-44 Stated Communication	2
3	4	5	6	7 W-151 Special Communication. Dinner at 5:30 (RSVP) Lodge at 6:30 pm	8	9
10	11 <i>Columbus Day</i>	12	13	14 LFI-56 Stated Communication	15	16
17 Ken's Seahawks Party, see p 3 for details!	18	19 <i>Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown, 1781</i>	20	21 W-151 Stated Communication, Dinner at 5:30 (RSVP) Lodge at 6:30 pm	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

**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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