



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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## Whatcom Lodge Report

### Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Greetings Whatcom Brothers: April 7th Special Communication

Lodge was opened on the 1st Degree at 6:30 P.M. by WM Craig Bruner who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to enjoy fraternalism and Masonic Education.

**Tyler:** The Tyler was invited to Tile the outer door and Tyle from the doorway of the Lodge room.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meetings were not read, having been previously approved.

**Communications:** Sec'y Browne was away on vacation so communications will await his return.

**Donation Jar:** The food donation jar contained \$165.00.

**Masonic Education:** The Entered Apprentice Trestle board's symbols were reviewed and meaning discussed by the brethren. [This was assisted by referring to the nicely framed version on the lodge wall]. A video featuring the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado was shown. The topic was about ways to improve the tenor of our Lodge meetings.

**Announcements:** An opportunity to make announcements was provided.

**Closing:** The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Craig Bruner at **8:13 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

**PS Note:** There were **15 W-151** brothers, in attendance.

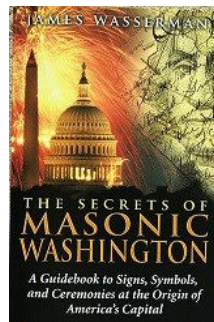
May 6<sup>th</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7 pm  
May 12<sup>th</sup> Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge  
opens at 7 pm.  
May 19<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge - meeting  
opens at 6:30 pm.

## In the Nation's Capital

Whatcom Secretary John Browne went to Washington DC with his daughter Sasha and her son Conor. In the photo on the left you see John's daughter and grandson on the porch of the Lincoln Memorial and in the background is the Washington Monument. On the right is John, Sasha and Conor with President Lincoln behind.

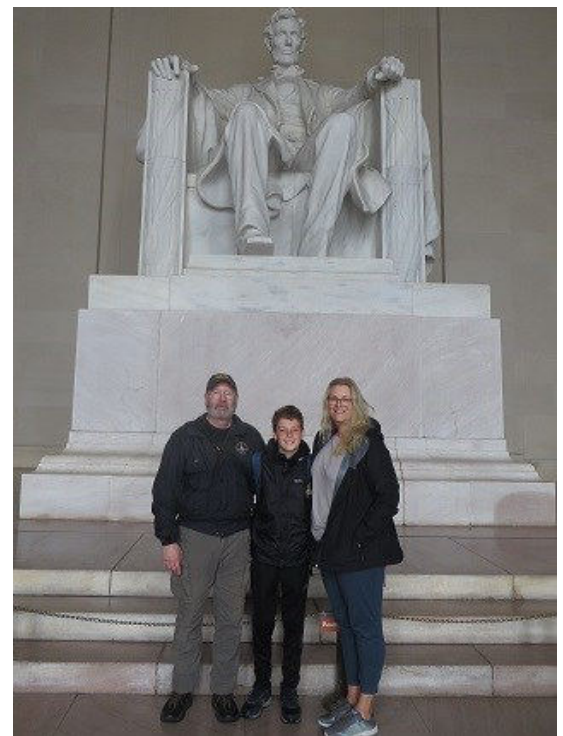


If you get a chance to visit Washington DC one of the fun places is the International Spy Museum. In the store, where I found this book "The Secrets of Masonic Washington" by James Wasserman.



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



I had the opportunity to travel with my daughter Sasha and her son Conor (12) to Washington DC while Conor was on Spring break in early April. We spent 3 nights in DC and visited the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial and several of the Smithsonian Museums. These included the National Museum of National History, the National Museum of Natural History, the National Gallery of Art and the International Spy Museum.

The Washington Monument is just amazing and so is the Lincoln Memorial. One gets chills just being at both. Sorry to say I did not get to the Jefferson Memorial. There are many fine bronze statues featuring many notable Generals from both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. I took lots of photos. On place that gave me a chill was be outside Ford's Theatre where President Lincoln was shot and see just across the street the house where he was taken and where he passed away.

I was also impressed walking past the Department of Justice and Office of the Attorney General. Across the top of the entrance it says :

JUSTICE · IS · THE · GREAT · INTEREST · OF · MAN · ON · EARTH · WHEREVER  
HER · TEMPLE · STANDS · THERE · IS · A · FOUNDATION · FOR · SOCIAL · SECURITY  
GENERAL · HAPPINESS · AND · THE · IMPROVEMENT · AND · PROGRESS · OF · OUR · RACE

Over one side widow this is printed:

TO · RENDER · EVERY  
MAN · HIS · DUE

and over another side widow this is printed:

JUSTICE · OF · EACH  
IS · THE · GOOD · OF · ALL

These all ring of Masonic influence and they are worthy goals to be sure, but we still have a long way to go before they are fulfilled.

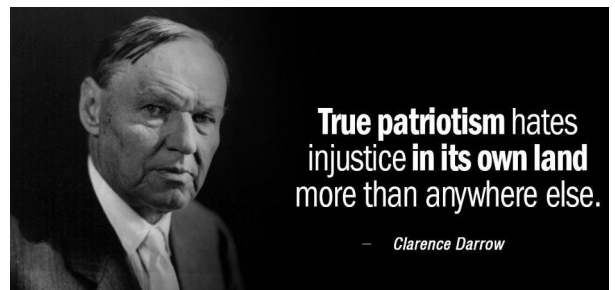
After visiting DC we travelled down to see the home of WB George Washington, Mount Vernon. Again I took many photos even though the day was overcast it did not rain. We took the tour of the house first and then walked the grounds. The clouds along the river cleared a bit while we were there and the view was terrific. I was especially taken with the reconstructed threshing barn devised by Washington. We departed Mt. Vernon and headed for Charlottesville where the University of Virginia calls home. Not far away is Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson. On this day the sun was out and the grounds were beautiful.

The next stop on our trip was Williamsburg where we spent the last 2 nights. Colonial Williamsburg was our central attraction and we were not disappointed. We saw lots of folks in costume and witnessed some demonstrations of crafts of the period. The most delightful one was on the second day when we went on a walking tour with a fellow in Dressed as a Militia Captain. He spoke in character as he showed us sites and related events of yester-day, the guy was very entertaining. I even took a little video clip of his routine. I wish I had taken more.



Next to Colonial Williamsburg is William & Mary the 2nd oldest University in the U.S. chartered in 1693. Wow what a beautiful campus.

My hope is to put together a short program and present it in Lodge with photos.



## Whatcom Lodge - Minutes from the April 21<sup>st</sup> Stated Communication.

Lodge was opened on the 1st Degree at 6:30 P.M. by WM Craig Bruner who said that the purpose of this Stated Communication was to take care of Lodge Business.

**Visitors:** None

The Tyler was invited in and he went to the Altar, signed in and then gave his Charge.

**Reading of the Minutes:** Last meeting's minutes were not read as they ere previously approved.

**Communications:** The MSA April items were reviewed.

**Finance Report:** We are doing well with \$22,256.17 in checking. Whatcom 151's Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio is up a little sand was valued \$941,788.23 as of 1:10 pm, Apr 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The cash portion remains at \$1,093.35.

**Donation Jar:** meal donations \$242.00.

**Bills:** W #3338 in amt. of \$540.87 to Craig Bruner for 4/7/22 dinner (ck #1515); W# 3339 in amt of \$400.69 to Jeckyl & Hyde for April 21<sup>st</sup> dinner (ck #1516); W #3343 in amt. of \$15.98 to Monte Thompson for dessert on 4/21/2022 (ck #1520):

**Pre authorized:** W# 3341 in amt of \$150 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1627 - April Rent (ck #1518); W#3340 in amt of \$100.00 to Sec'y John Browne for April mileage (ck #1517); W#3342 in amt of \$324.29 to JP Luther Co. for two Candidate suites (ck #1519).

It was moved by John Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Myers to pay the bills, the motion was **approved**.

**Business or discussion:** There was discussion about reducing the size of our PM photos for hanging them on the wall in the anti-room. Ken Peck and Jeff Roskelley will look into the cost.

Sec'y John Browne noted that at the September Stated Communication the lodge authorized the purchase of a dedicated computer for the Sec'y and a printer for the Lodge; not to exceed \$1500.00. The sec'y computer was purchased but the printer was not. It is now apparent that the Lodge needs a computer for educational programs. It was moved by Frank Myers, 2nd by Don Higginson, that the unspent money be used to purchase a computer for that purpose. The motion was approved.

Two of our brothers, WM Craig Bruner and VW Don Higginson are attending this June's GL Annual Communication. It was moved by John Brown, 2nd by Frank Myers to provide \$500.00 to each to cover Hotel and other expenses as they represent Whatcom Lodge. The motion was **approved**.

**Masonic education:** WM Craig Bruner had the job descriptions of the WM, SW, JW, Deacons-Stewards read out from The Lodge Officers handbook. Readers were: Don Higginson (WM,SW), Monte Thompson (JW) and Jeff Roskelley (Deacons & Stewards).

**Announcements:** Bro. Bill Kappelle announced that this year's campout at the Masonic Park will be held June 23-26. Those interested should make reservations at [masonicfamilypark.net](http://masonicfamilypark.net) or contact him at (360) 815-4649 or email him at [mastermason7182019@gmail.com](mailto:mastermason7182019@gmail.com).

It was also noted that the Outdoor FC Degree hosted by San Juan Lodge 175 will be held on Saturday, May 21st. Best to catch the 9:30 am ferry to Friday Harbor.

**Closing:** The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Craig Bruner at **8:20 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

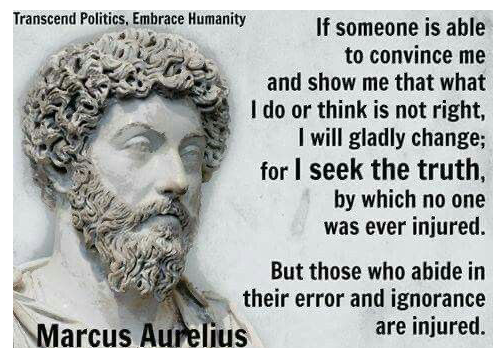
**PS Note:** There were **18** W-151 brothers in attendance.



The annual Mason's Camping Trip in the Masonic Family Park will be held on June 23-26. Please make your own reservations at [masonicfamilypark.net](http://masonicfamilypark.net).

This trip is open to our friends at Bellingham Bay #44, Ferndale/Lynden International Lodge #56, Rainbow girls, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay.

If you have questions or would like some help making a reservation, please call Bill Kappelle at (360) 815-4649 or email him at [mastermason7182019@gmail.com](mailto:mastermason7182019@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
1	2	3	4	5 W-151 Special, meal AT 5:30 PM. Lodge opens at 6:30pm	6 BB - 44 Stated	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9	10	11	12 LFI - 56 Stated	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 W-151 Stated, meal AT 5:30 PM, Lodge opens at 6:30 pm	20 BB - 44 Special.	21 Outdoor FC Degree hosted by San Juan #175 . Take the 9:30 am ferry to Friday Harbor.  <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
22	23 <i>Victoria Day</i>	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	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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