



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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Whatcom Lodge Report

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Jun 16th Whatcom Lodge - meeting opens at 6:30 pm.

Jun 17th Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Jun 23rd Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge opens at 7 pm.

Special Communication held on Thursday, May 5th, 2022

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.

Visitors: WB John Armitage, Holland Lodge #1 GL of Texas, and member of Hadley Highstone #4203 and Rectitude Secundus #6778, London UK. Given a hearty welcome.

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: Will come at the Stated Communication when the Sec'y return's.

Donation Jar: The food donation jar contained \$245.00.

Masonic Education: Bro. John Little discussed Beekeeping as a hobby and WB Craig Bruner added to the discussion as he has also kept Bees in the past.

WB Ted read a short Talk Bulletin about the Allegory of the Three Stone Masons.

Presentation: WB John Armitage presented to our WM Craig Bruner, a Masonic Coin as a gesture of Masonic Friendship.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn reported on the 100th Year Birthday Celebration of The Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Announcements: An opportunity to make announcements was provided. Masonic Camping is June 23-26 at the Granite Falls Masonic Family Park. See the newsletter for details, or contact Bro. Bill Kappel.

WB Ted notified brothers that the Whatcom Lodge annual BBQ is on August 20th, at the home of Ted and Penny Schuman.

VW Don Higginson reminded brothers of the Outdoor FC Degree hosted by San Juan #175., May 21st.

WB Ted also reminded brothers of the up-coming Rusty Wagon 3rd Tuesday Lunch.

Sickness and relief: Sec'y Browne visited his grandkids in Astoria and returned with a bad cold, but he is on the mend.

Closing: The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Craig Bruner at **8:15 P.M. / P. & H. P.**

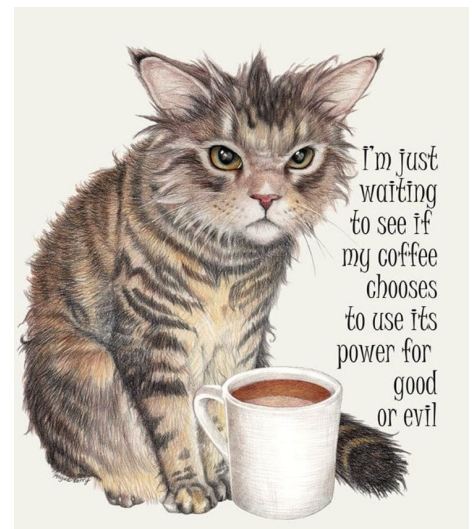
PS Note: There were **19** W-151 brothers and **1** visitor were in attendance.

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.



Whatcom Lodge - Stated Communication held on Thursday, May 19th

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.

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

Visitors: WB John Armitage, Holland Lodge #1 GL of Texas, and member of Hadley Highstone #4203 and Rectitude Secundus #6778, London UK. Given a hearty welcome.

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

Communications: The MSA May Emessay Notes and Short Talk Bulletin items were reviewed. Also a Note from Gerry -Ellen Sleeth was read.

Finance Report: We are doing well with \$23,757.41 in checking. Whatcom 151's Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio is down a little and was valued \$866,565.15 as of 1:00 pm, May 19th, 2022. Cash portion remains at \$1,093.35.

Donation Jar: meal donations \$250.00.

Bills: W #3345 in amt. of \$398.01 to Craig Bruner for 5/5/22 dinner (ck #1522); W# 3346 in amt of \$400.05 to Jeckyl & Hyde for May 19th dinner (ck #1523); W #3348 in amt. of \$54.97 to Monte Thompson for dessert on 5/19 (ck #1525); W# 3349 in amt of \$14.99 to Monte Thompson for dessert on 5/5/2022 (ck #1526):

Pre authorized: W# 3344 in amt of \$150 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1632 - May Rent (ck #1521); W#3347 in amt of \$100.00 to Sec'y John Browne for May mileage (ck #1524);

It was moved by John Brown, 2nd by Don Higgerson to pay the bills, the motion was **approved**.

Business or discussion: WB Ted Schuman brought up the topic of the annual Whatcom BBQ, again to be hosted at this residence. He wonder if the Lodge was willing to underwrite the base cost of meat and beverages etc. It was moved by Frank Myers, 2nd by Don Higgerson to authorize up to \$500.00 to cover the base cost of the BBQ. The motion was **approved**.

Masonic education-program: VW Don Higgerson was asked by WM Craig to give a brief historical sketch of his life. Bro. Don obliged and noted various highlights. He was involved in Radio and TV back in the 1970's and he owned a restaurant and some rental properties, plus he was a real estate agent. Don was also in the pleasure boat business and was a professional archer for a number of years. VW Don has lived a varied and full life.

WM Craig related an article he'd read about a man who visited Jerusalem not long ago. The man visited a Masonic hangout and noted how diverse the attendance was and yet outside there was violence all around. It was pointed out how in the Masonic Family peace exists even though strife is around, if only? WB Craig also gave a presentation on the topic of the Point Within the Circle and invited discussion.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn reported that the local chapter of DeMolay is active and our Rainbow Assembly has two new members.

Announcements: VW Don Higgerson reminded brothers that the Outdoor FC Degree is this Saturday and invited anyone to call him if they wish to carpool.

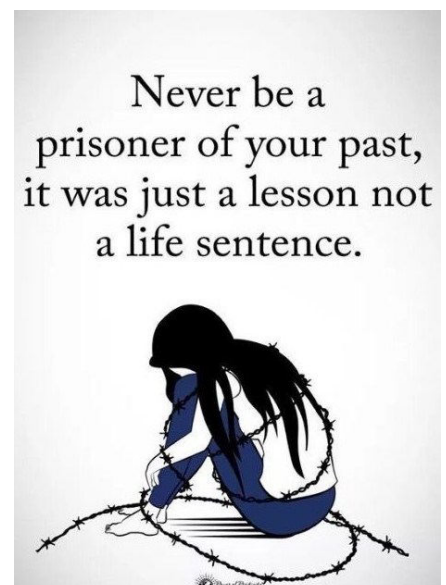
The Whatcom Campout is June 23-26, check the May newsletter for details.

The Whatcom BBQ is Sat. August 20th 12 to 3 pm, let Ted & Penny know what side dish/dessert you'll bring.

Sickness & relief: Kathy Higgerson had a successful cataract surgery.

Closing: The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Craig Bruner at **7:55 P.M. / P. & H. P.**

PS Note: There were **20** W-151 brothers and **1** visitor in attendance.



Correspondence from Bro. Srivatsan

On May 19th your Secretary received the following card from our brother Srivatsan Rangarajan, which included a nice donation to the Lodge. The text is reprinted below:

Card text reads....You made such a difference, and it is so deeply appreciated.

Bro. Srivatsan's message...

Dear Brethren, 14/May/2022

Hope and wish all of & families are well & happy!

I have not come to Bellingham for the past 3 years or so, therefore we have not met.

I miss all of you very much, and good energy that flows & flourishes in the Lodge & outside.

Love & affection for you & the Lodge is so much!!

Thank you for having me as your brother!

Hope to meet you again in person soon.

God Bless you All & family

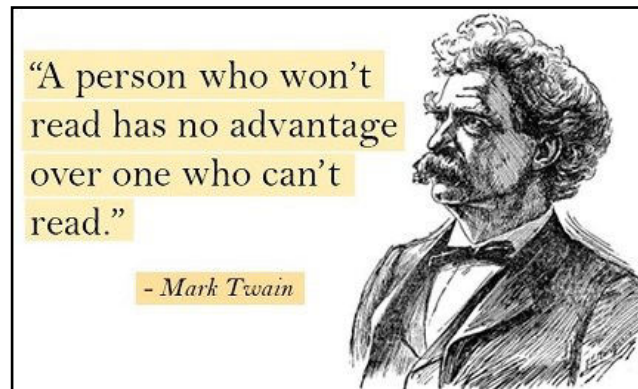
With fraternal Love,
Bro Srivatsan Rangarajan

“The joy of Being, which is the only true happiness, cannot come to you through any form, possession, achievement, person, or event—through anything that happens. That joy cannot come to you—ever. It emanates from the formless dimension within you, from consciousness itself and thus is one with who you are.”

— Eckhart Tolle



Common sense is not a gift, it is a punishment. Because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.



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.

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 Kappel at (360) 815-4649 or email him at mastermason7182019@gmail.com.

The villian plays The victim so well

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 |
|------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|--|--|--|
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 W-151 Special, meal AT 5:30 PM. Lodge opens at 6:30pm | 3 BB - 44 Special | 4 |
| 5 <i>Shavuot</i> | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 LFI #56 moves it's Stated to 4th Thursday | 10 Annual Communication of the MW Grand Lodge F&AM of WA | 11 Annual Communication of the MW Grand Lodge F&AM of WA |
| 12 | 13 | 14 <i>Flag Day (USA)</i> | 15 | 16 W-151 Stated, meal AT 5:30 PM, Lodge opens at 6:30 pm | 17 BB - # 44 Stated | 18 |
| 19 <i>Father's Day</i> | 20 | 21 <i>Spring Begins!</i> | 22 | 23 LFI - 56 Stated Camping at Masonic Park, see p 3—details | 24 Camping at Masonic Park <i>St John the Baptist Day</i> | 25 Camping at Masonic Park |
| 26 final day at Masonic Park | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 |

**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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To contribute to this newsletter please send your letter, comment, historical fact, poem or calendar announcement, by the 20th day of each month, to:

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