



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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## Whatcom Lodge Report

### Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

July 1<sup>st</sup> Bellingham Bay - Dark  
July 14<sup>th</sup> Lynden/Ferndale Int. Dark  
Jul 21<sup>st</sup> Whatcom Lodge - meeting  
opens at 6:30 pm.

Special Communication held on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Lodge was opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** None

**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:** WM Craig Bruner read a letter from GM Cameron Bailey regarding Masonic use of Social Media and rightly noted that is covering issues Masons are taught to "Subdue our Passions". VW SW Terrell Goertz suggested brothers watch a video titled "Social Dilemma" which discusses the Internet's use of Algorithms to track cellphone and computer users activity. Companies can then target individual users with Ads specific to your browsing history. Kind of like "Big Brother is Watching". Sec'y Browne then suggested brothers check out the TV show "CSI Cyber" which looks at how technology can be misused to commit crimes, against companies and individuals.

**Donation Jar:** The food donation jar contained \$247.00.

**Masonic Education:** WM Craig Bruner played a very interesting video on Masonic influences in the settling of the Old West. He also played a vide featuring the history of the Masonic Lodge still active in an old mining ghost town in Navadaville, Colorado.

**Observations:** VW Don Higgerson reported the recently held Outdoor FC Degree hosted by San Juan Lodge 175. Don advise both the Salmon and the Degree were done wonderfully well. He noted that MWB Jim Mendoza did a fantastic job presenting the Middle Chamber Lecture.

**Masonic Youth:** WB Paul Brainard reported that Chuckanut Chapter was doing well. Bro. John Little noted that his youngest son was preparing to join the Chapter.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was provided. Bro. Bill Kappele reminded brothers that the Cam-pout was later this month.

**Sickness and relief:** Bro. Vaughn Boatwright's wife is down with Covid hence he was not able to attend.

**Closing:** The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Craig Bruner at **8:10 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

**PS Note:** There were 17 W-151 brothers were in attendance.

**Secretary** — 'Country' John Browne, [contact info on page 4](#)

**NOTE:** We plan to hold our annual Election of Officers at the August 18<sup>th</sup>, Stated Communication.



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.

Just found out  
there's no  
popcorn in  
popcorn shrimp.  
Guess there's no  
reason to try pot  
roast.

## Whatcom Lodge - Stated Communication held on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

Lodge was opened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Rick Kiene of BB#44 was presented and given a hearty welcome. SD Thom Baughn presented and WM Craig Bruner introduced VW Don Higgerson the new Jr. Grand Stewart, he was given the PGH's. VW Don Higgerson then introduced VW Craig Bruner who is the new DDGM for Dist. Ten, he was accorded the PGH's.

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

**Communications:** The MSA June Emessay Notes and Short Talk Bulletin items were reviewed. VW Craig Bruner read a letter he downloaded from the GL Website on the topic of Masonic use of Social Media.

**Finance Report:** We are doing well with \$23,674.34 in checking. Whatcom 151's Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio is down again and was valued \$839,988.89 as of 2:50 pm, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Cash portion remains at \$1,093.35.

**Donation Jar:** meal donations \$175.00.

**Bills:** W #3350 in amt. of \$175.00 to Brumfield-Franks for Tax Prep (ck #1527); W# 3351 in amt of \$40.00 to Grand Lodge for Lewis Jewel (via WM Bruner) (ck #1528); W# 3353 to Jeckyl & Hyde in amt of \$424.78 for June 2<sup>nd</sup> dinner (ck #1530); W# 3359 to Jeckyl & Hyde in amt of \$489.45 for dinner on June 16<sup>th</sup>. (ck #1536); W# 3360 in amt of \$5.00 to GL of WA for a dues Card (ck #1528); W# 3361 in amt of \$157.85 to WM Craig Bruner for Lodge Recognition gifts (ck #1538); W# 3362 in amt of \$81.53 to Bergen Embroidery (ck #1538); W# 3363 in amt of \$15.98 to Monte Thompson for dessert on 6/16/22 (ck #1540):

**Pre authorized:** W# 3352 in amt of \$150 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1640 - June Rent (ck #1529); W# 3356 in amt of \$500.00 to Don Higgerson for Grand Lodge attendance (ck #1532); W#3357 in amt of \$500.00 to Craig Bruner for Grand Lodge attendance (ck #1533); W#3358 in amt of \$400.00 to Sec'y John Browne for June mileage and 6 mo. Record-keeping (ck #1535);

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

**Business or discussion:** After a brief discussion it was decided to hold our Election of Officers at the August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Stated Communication.

**Masonic education-program:** WB Rick Kiene of BB#44 gave a presentation about Bro. P. B. Cornwall and his influence in the West and Bellingham area in particular. P.B. Cornwall and his younger brother brought out the Charter for the first Masonic Lodge in Oregon. They got as far as Fort Hall in Idaho, then took off for California leaving the Charter in the hands of Bro. Orin Kellogg to finish transporting it to Oregon City. The presentation was excellent.

WB Thom Baugh told us there was a very interesting video on YouTube called: *The Star Spangled Banner as you've never heard it*. His description was detailed and most interesting.

**Masonic Youth:** Thom Baughn reported on the DeMolay Boys and Rainbow Girls. Not only is our Bro., John Little's youngest son joining Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay but his daughter is preparing to join Evergreen Assembly #17 of Rainbow for Girls.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was provided.

**Sickness & relief:** VW Don Higgerson advised that we recently lost Bro. Howard Hanna to the Celestial Lodge above. Lynden-Ferndale Int. #56 will have an in-lodge memorial, TBA. WB Ken Peck was not able to attend due to a Kidney stone and WB Claude Weedon has suffered a slight stroke but is responding well in his recovery.

**DDGM:** VW Craig Bruner read sections of the newly installed GM's address. Looks like we're off to another good year in Washington Freemasonry.

**Closing:** The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Craig Bruner at **8:10 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

**PS Note:** There were **13** W-151 brothers and **1** visitor in attendance.

## Greetings from Bro. Chris Waters

Our Brother Chris Waters has moved to South Dakota, where he is now working. Tara and Lilly have just joined him there. Bro. Chris still has the same phone and email information but for those of you who wish to write or send a card, his mailing address:

604 Doris Dr., Mitchel, SD 57301

Bro. Chris sends his Fraternal regards!

IT CAN'T BE MONDAY ALREADY,  
I haven't finished the weekend



### READ IT AND LET IT SINK IN

Every relationship will get "boring" after you've been together for years. Love isn't a feeling it's a commitment to love every day, physically and emotionally. It's difficult, it's not always laughs, smiles, and fun. People tend to quit when it stops being fun, and they go look for someone else, because "the spark is gone". No, that's not how it works. You want somebody to never give up on you, and love you unconditionally then do the same. Be the change. This isn't Hollywood, this isn't the movies. That shit isn't real. Love someone when you don't want to. when they aren't the easiest to deal with. When they're hard to love. That's the realist shit there is.



Brethren,

Freemasonry is flourishing in District No. 10. I am excited about the quality of our new Masons. With the caring work their coaches and lodge members provide Masonry has a bright future. At the 165<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication last weekend, Most Worshipful Grand Master Edward

C. Woods reminded us to guard the west gates, to investigate and only admit the best men into our great fraternity.

As proof our gates have been duly guarded is the high quality of our fellow Brethren in District 10. Thank each of you for your hard work and contributions to our fraternity. The quality of your work can be seen by looking at the brethren sitting next to you in Lodge. If we have not seen you in Lodge for a while, please attend your next Lodge meeting to see your newest brothers.

Past District Deputy VWB Kurt Gazow, thank you for your strong leadership over the last two years. Despite Covid shut downs, with your hard work and timely engagements of various social media, Lodges flourished. You have seen to it that Masonry is strong in Whatcom County. The benefits of your work extended to the Grand Lodge as well. It is no wonder you were Washington State Mason of the year. Congratulations on this well deserved honor.

I have the honor to represent our Grand Master, MW Edward C Woods as his Deputy in District No. 10. I am honored to serve in this role. I will do my best to represent him, the Grand Lodge and assist my Brethren and Lodges in this District. If there is anything I can do to assist you or our Lodges don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Craig Bruner*

DDGM in District 10 &AM of Washington  
360 319 7163

If dentists make their money off people with bad teeth, why should I trust a toothpaste that 9 out of 10 dentists recommend?

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 Dark  <i>Canada Day</i>	2
3	4  <i>Independence Day</i> (USA)	5	6	7 W-151 Special, meal AT 5:30 PM. Lodge opens at 6:30pm	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 LFI #56 Dark	15 BB - # 44 Dark	16
17	18	19	20	21 W-151 Stated, meal AT 5:30 PM, Lodge opens 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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WB John Brown - *President,*

WB Jesse Petersen - *Vice President*  
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