



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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## Whatcom Lodge Report

Special Communication held on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 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:** 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:** Short Talk Bulletin and Emessay Notes

**Donation Jar:** The food donation jar contained \$217.00.

**Proficiency:** Bro. Vaughn Boatwright completed his EAM Posting Lecture with the assistance of WB Ted Schuman. Bro. Boatwright is now ready to receive his Fellowcraft Degree.

**Masonic Education:** WM Craig Bruner introduced SW Terrell Goertz who talked about Joseph 'Joe' Moser who fought in WWII and was a local resident in Whatcom County. Joe Moser flew the P38 Lighting during WWII and was eventually shot down and spent some time in Buchenwald Prison. He and other Allied piolets held there were transferred to a Luftwaffe run Prison camp where conditions were comparatively better. VW Terrell's presentation was excellent.

**Presentation:** WM Craig Bruner spent a few minutes going over some of the features of the Grand Lodge of WA website 'Grandview' and of our Lodge Webpage noting the posted Awards presented to members. When he came to the page showing Hiram Awards that there was one there which had not actually been awarded yet. He then called up Bro. Jerry Hill, our Chaplain and awarded him the Hiram Award. Sec'y John Browne had the honor of pinning on the associated pin.

**Masonic Youth:** WB Thom Baughn reported that the local Rainbow Assembly was getting ready to head over to Yakima for Grand Assembly. He also informed us that Bro John Little's youngest son is soon to inducted in Chuckanut Chapter of DeMolay for Boys and that John's daughter is showing interest in the Rainbow Assembly.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was provided. Bro. Bill Kappel reminded brothers that the Campout was later this month.

**Sickness and relief:** We understand that WB Claude Weedon is improving in his recovery from a stroke.

**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 15 W-151 brothers in attendance and 1 guest for dinner.

**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

**Aug 5<sup>th</sup>** Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

**Aug 11<sup>th</sup>** Lynden/Ferndale Int. 7 pm

**Aug 18<sup>th</sup>** Whatcom Lodge - meeting opens at 6:30 pm. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm

### Event

Whatcom luncheon at the Rusty Wagon is Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, meet at 11:30 am.

### Things money can't buy:

1. Manners
2. Morals
3. Respect
4. Character
5. Common sense
6. Trust
7. Patience
8. Class
9. Integrity
10. Love



Transcend Politics, Embrace Humanity



Marcus Aurelius

If someone is able  
to convince me  
and show me that what  
I do or think is not right,  
I will gladly change;  
for I seek the truth,  
by which no one  
was ever injured.

But those who abide in  
their error and ignorance  
are injured.

Difficulties  
strengthen  
the mind, as  
labor does  
the body.

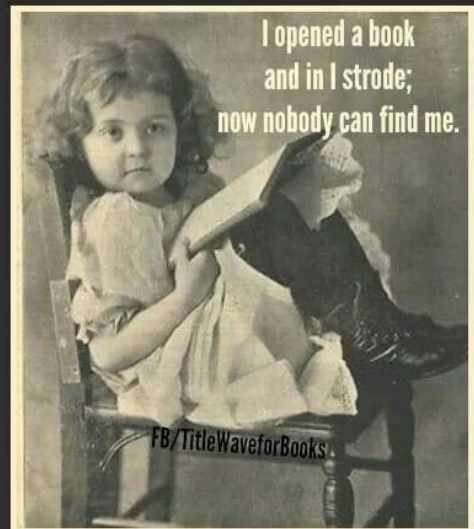
*Seneca The Younger*



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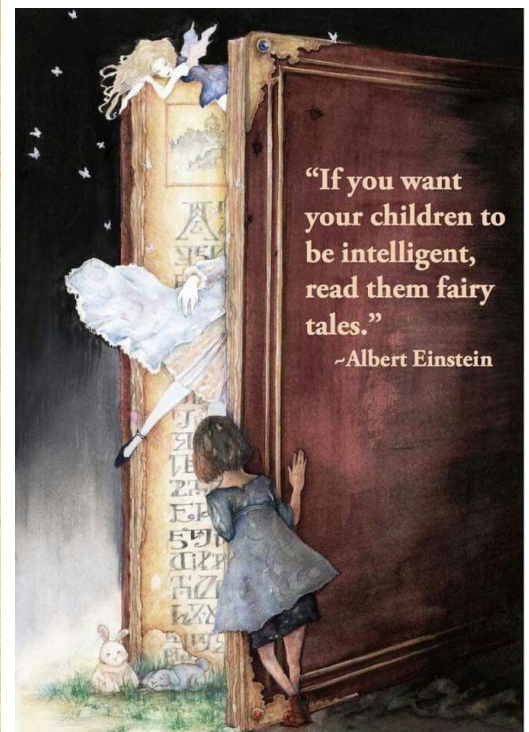
1. TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT GREAT LOVE AND GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS INVOLVE GREAT RISK.
2. WHEN YOU LOSE, DON'T LOSE THE LESSON.
3. FOLLOW THE THREE RS:  
RESPECT FOR SELF  
RESPECT FOR OTHERS AND  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL YOUR ACTIONS.
4. REMEMBER THAT NOT GETTING WHAT YOU WANT IS SOMETIMES A WONDERFUL STROKE OF LUCK.
5. LEARN THE RULES SO YOU KNOW HOW TO BREAK THEM PROPERLY.
6. DON'T LET A LITTLE DISPUTE INJURE A GREAT FRIENDSHIP.
7. WHEN YOU REALISE YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE, TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO CORRECT IT.
8. SPEND SOME TIME ALONE EVERY DAY.
9. OPEN YOUR ARMS TO CHANGE, BUT DON'T LET GO OF YOUR VALUES.
10. REMEMBER THAT SILENCE IS SOMETIMES THE BEST ANSWER.
11. LIVE A GOOD, HONORABLE LIFE. THEN WHEN YOU GET OLDER AND THINK BACK, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ENJOY IT A SECOND TIME.
12. A LOVING ATMOSPHERE IN YOUR HOME IS THE FOUNDATION FOR YOUR LIFE.
13. IN DISAGREEMENTS WITH LOVED ONES, DEAL ONLY WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION. DON'T BRING UP THE PAST.
14. SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE. IT'S A WAY TO ACHIEVE IMMORTALITY.
15. BE GENTLE WITH THE EARTH.
16. ONCE A YEAR, GO SOMEPLACE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN BEFORE.
17. REMEMBER THAT THE BEST RELATIONSHIP IS ONE IN WHICH YOUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER EXCEEDS YOUR NEED FOR EACH OTHER.
18. JUDGE YOUR SUCCESS BY WHAT YOU HAD TO GIVE UP IN ORDER TO GET IT.
19. APPROACH LOVE AND COOKING WITH RECKLESS ABANDON.

DALAI LAMA



I opened a book  
and in I strode;  
now nobody can find me.

FB/TitleWaveforBooks



"If you want  
your children to  
be intelligent,  
read them fairy  
tales."

~Albert Einstein



## Notes from the Grand Secretary

Brethren:

Beginning Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 the Grand Lodge office will begin a major construction project to replace the front stairs and make the ramps into the building ADA compliant. During this project, which will likely last into early September, there will be limited parking and access to the Grand Lodge building. If you need to visit the Grand Lodge office during this time, please call and let us know in advance so that we can ensure that there is adequate parking and access to the building when you arrive. The Grand Lodge staff as well as Washington Masonic Charities will continue to work from the office as normal during this time. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

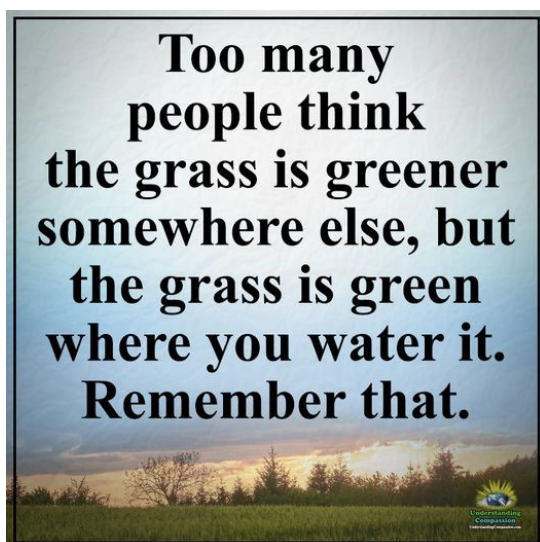
*Fraternally,*  
*Clinton M. Brown, Jr.*  
Grand Secretary

Brethren:

If you are thinking of submitting your statement of availability for any of the Grand Lodge elected offices or for a Board Trustee position, the Grand Lodge elected officers will hold a forum to answer questions you may have on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12:30 PM at the Grand Lodge office located at 4970 Bridgeport Way W., University Place, WA 98467.

This is important meeting for you to attend as we will be discussing important details and expectations regarding the elected positions of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

*Fraternally,*  
*Clinton M. Brown, Jr.*  
Grand Secretary



*Whatcom BBQ* is Back!

Whatcom Lodge announces the resumption of their annual BBQ, hosted by Ted and Penny Schuman.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Aug. 20, Noon to Three. (12 to 3 pm, for those who like numbers)

The lodge will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. Your contribution is any side dish/dessert/hors d'oeuvre of your choosing.



**RSVP is a MUST!**

Either tell Ted at Lodge or call Penny at 360-392-8763; we don't want all salad and no dessert.

The event is open to Whatcom members and their guests only.

Artist: Unknown

**A great man is hard on himself;  
a **small** man is hard on others.**

Confucius



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
<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> W-151 Special, meal at 5:30 PM. Lodge opens at 6:30pm	<b>5</b> BB - 44, 7 pm	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> LFI #56, 7 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> The Whatcom luncheon is today, meet at <b>11:30 am</b> at the <b>Rusty Wagon</b> on the Hannagan, just north of Pole Rd.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> W-151 Stated, meal at 5:30 PM, Lodge opens at 6:30 pm	<b>19</b> BB - # 44 7 pm	<b>20</b> Whatcom BBQ 12 noon to 3 pm. See <a href="#">page 3</a> for details.
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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### 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.

Bro. Ken Peck - *Secretary/Treasurer*

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WB John Brown - *President*,

WB Jesse Petersen - *Vice President*

360-319-5556

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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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