



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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## Whatcom Lodge Report

The July 21<sup>st</sup> Stated Communication was opened on the 2nd 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:** Bro Noah Baddyl returned to lodge after some time away and he gave a brief update of his activities.

**Proficiency:** FC Bro Luke Sullateskee gave an excellent recitation of his proficiency on the 2nd degree, with questions propounded by WB Ken Peck. Following the proficiency, labor was suspended on the 2nd degree, the Lodge was called down to the 1st degree and two EA's were admitted.

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

**Communications:** Will be presented at the August Special Communication

**Finance Report:** We are doing well with \$23,671.67 in checking. Whatcom 151's Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio is down again and was valued \$842,675.03 as of 4:08 pm, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Cash portion remains at \$1,093.35.

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

**Bills:** W# 3362 to Monte Thompson in amt. of \$15.98 for dessert on 6/16/2022 (ck #1540); W# 3365 to Jeckyl & Hyde in amt of \$400.00 for dinner on July 7<sup>th</sup>. (ck #1542); W# 3367 in amt of \$400.00 to Jeckyl & Hyde for dinner on July 21<sup>st</sup>. (ck #1544); W# 3368 in amt of \$23.20 to USPS for two books of stamps (ck #1534); W# 3369 in amt of \$61.99 to Craig Bruner for dessert/beverages on 7/21/2022 (ck #1548):

**Pre authorized:** W# 3364 in amt of \$350 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1644 - July Rent (ck #1541); W#3366 in amt of \$100.00 to Sec'y John Browne for July mileage (ck #1543);

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

**Business or discussion:** WM Craig Bruner announced that the Lodge room now has Comcast Internet and it appears to have improved WiFi considerably.

**Degrees:** Sept 1st was tentatively scheduled for Bro Vaughn Boatwright's 2nd Degree and Bro Sullateskee's 3rd Degree was tentatively scheduled for the October Special.

**Education:** JW WB Monte Thompson gave a very interesting presentation on the D.B. Cooper hijacking and the subsequent investigation. He also showed a video giving the background of the incident, existing evidence and speculation as well as the many unresolved question. Questions and discussion followed.

**Masonic Youth:** EA Bro. John Little gave a report on youth activities including both DeMolay and Rainbow Girls.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was provided. The brethren were reminded that the annual BBQ for Whatcom member and families would be held on Aug 20<sup>th</sup> at the residence of WB Schuman from noon to 3 pm. WM Craig Bruner reminded brother that the Outdoor Third Degree will be held at Granite Falls on Aug 6<sup>th</sup>.

WM Craig Bruner announced that VWB Jesse Petersen, in attendance, will be relocating to Wisconsin. He was thanked for his service to the Lodge and to District Ten. He was also finally presented with his Past District Deputy Apron.

**Sickness & relief:** Chaplain Bro. Jerry Hill gave a report.

In preparation for closing the EA brothers retired to the dinning room and Labor was resumed on the 2nd Deg.

**Closing:** The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Craig Bruner at **8:25 P.M.** / P. & H. P.



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

Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7 pm  
Sep 8<sup>th</sup> Lynden/Ferndale Int. 7 pm  
Sep 15<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge - meeting  
opens at 6:30 pm.

**PS Note:** There were **16** W-151 brothers and **no** visitors in attendance.  
**Secretary — 'Country'** John Browne,  
contact info on page 4



### Special Communication held on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

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:** None as regular Secretary was on vacation

**Donation Jar:** The food donation jar contained \$266.00.

**Masonic Education & Presentation:** WM Bruner described the history of the Lewis Jewel, first as a device for lifting stone, then in speculative Masonry to acknowledge father/son Masonic relationship. WM Craig then presented to Bro. Alex Bruner, his son, a Lewis Jewel.

JW WB Monte Thompson gave a presentation on the problem of Identity Theft.

WM Bruner had Monte Thompson, Luke Sullateskee and Bill Kappele escorted to the East where he presented to each of them an embroidered *Masonic Kitchen Apron* for their service to the Lodge.

**Masonic Youth:** Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay will hold an Installation of Officers on August 19 at 7 PM at the Ferndale Masonic Center.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was provided. It was announced that WB Thom Baughn and his wife Jan will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Scottish Rite Temple from 2 to 4 PM on August 14<sup>th</sup>. It was also announced that on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> we have our every-third-Tuesday Lunch at the Rusty Wagon, and, on Sat. August 20<sup>th</sup> the annual BBQ from 12 to 3 PM at Ted & Penny's residence.

**Sickness and relief:** VW Don Higgerson reported on his wife Kathy's Cancer recovery prognosis.

**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.

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If you can master and destroy the 13 enemies you cannot see- (egoism, arrogance, conceit, selfishness, greed, lust, intolerance, anger, lying, cheating, gossiping and slandering); you will be ready to fight the enemy you can see.



Stated Communication held on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

Lodge was opened on the 2<sup>nd</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:** None

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

**Communications:** MSA Emessay Notes and Short Talk Bulletin for August.

**Finance Report:** We are doing well with \$24,571.14 in checking. Whatcom 151's Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio is down again and was valued \$898,116.58 as of 1:14 pm, Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. That is an increase of \$55,441 since July 21<sup>st</sup> 2022.. Cash portion is at \$1,094.16.

**Donation Jar:** meal donations \$250.00.

**Bills:** W# 3373 to Monte Thompson in amt. of \$53.52 for dessert on 6/2, 8/4/ and 8/18 (ck #1551); W# 3371 to Jeckyl & Hyde in amt of \$400.00 for dinner on Aug 18<sup>th</sup>. (ck #1549):

**Pre authorized:** W# 3364 in amt of \$350.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1656 - August Rent (ck #1552); W#3372 in amt of \$100.00 to Sec'y John Browne for August mileage (ck #1550);

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

**Election of Officers:** Our annual election of officers was held with these results.....

**WM** = VW Terrell Goertz **SW** = VW Don Higginson **JW** = Bro Bruce Smith

**Treasurer** = WB Ted Schuman **Sec** = VW John Browne

**Appointed Officers** for next term are: **SD** = Jeff Roskelley, **JD** = Moss Roberts, **SS** = Bill Kappel, **JS** = Ken Peck, **Chaplain** = Jerry Hill, **Marshal** = Frank Myers and the **Tyler** will be Scott Jenkins.

**Petition:** We received a Petition for the Degrees of Masonry from Mr. Bartlett Matthew "Matt" Dakota. An investigation committee was assigned including WM Craig Bruner, Sec'y John Browne and SS Bill Kappel.

**Masonic Education:** WM Bruner gave a presentation on Brother Mozart. First he read the August Short Talk Bulletin which was about Brother Mozart. He then showed two videos about Mozart and 'The Magic Flute' opera, music by Mozart. This was an interesting program.

**Degrees:** The FC Degree for Bro. Vaughn Boatwright is scheduled for our Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Special Communication and the MM Degree for Bro. Luke Sullateskee is planned for the Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Special Communication.

**Candidates:** WB Ted Schuman gave a brief report on candidates.

**Discussion:** WB Ken Peck spoke on the topic of next terms' meals. He, the incoming JW and SS will be a committee to work out lower the costs of our meals. At present we're only covering about half the meal costs via donations.

**Masonic Youth:** Thom Baughn reported that this evening the Rainbow Girls were having a picnic. Last week they attended Dream Camp at the Masonic Family Park in Granite Falls and prior to that they attended the Rainbow Grand Assembly in Yakima, WA. Thom note that tomorrow evening Chuckanut Chapter will hold it's Installation of Officers at 7 pm at the Ferndale Masonic Center.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was provided. VWB Don Higginson, this month, has completed 30 years in Masonry, congratulations to him! A full Lodge applause was given. The District Ten Meeting will be on January 21st, 2023.

The brethren were reminded that the annual BBQ for Whatcom member and families would be held on Aug 20<sup>th</sup> at the residence of WB Schuman from noon to 3 pm.

**Sickness & relief:** WM Craig noted he is suffering from some tummy distress but mostly has it under control.

**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 **18** W-151 brothers and **2** guests for dinner.

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
31	1	2	3	1 W-151 Special, meal AT 5:30 PM. Lodge opens at 6:30pm. FC Deg for Vaughn Boatwright	2 BB - 44, 7 pm	3
4	5 <i>Labour Day</i> (USA & Canada)	6	7	8 LFI #56, 7 pm	9	10
11 <i>Patriots Day</i> <i>Grandparents Day</i>	12	13 Whatcom Luncheon 11:30 am at the Rusty Wagon	14	15 W-151 Stated, meal AT 5:30 PM, Lodge opens at 6:30 pm	16 BB - # 44 7 pm	17
18	19	20	21	22 <i>Autumn Begins</i>	23	24
25	26 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	27	28	29	30	

**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 Jesse Petersen - *Vice President*  
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