



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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Whatcom Lodge Report

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Special Communication held on Thursday, October 6th, 2022

Lodge was opened on the 3rd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by WM Craig Bruner who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to enjoy fraternalism and confer the MM Degree on Bro. Luke Sullateskee.

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: Letter from the Grand Master regarding Pay-per-view programing was read.

Donation Jar: The food donation jar contained \$255.00.

After a brief welcome WM Craig Bruner had the Degree Team take it's places and Stations.

Degree: After preliminaries were over WM Craig had the EA Degree Team take it's places.

Conferring Master: WB Craig Bruner

SW: VWB Terrell Goertz

JW: VW Don Higgerson

Sec: VWB John Browne

SD: WB Ken Peck

JD: Bro Jeff Roskelley

SS: Bro Bruce Smith

JS: WB Tim Springstead

Working Tools WB Barry Podwin

Degree Lecture (Pt 1) VWB Glenn Hutchings

Degree Lecture (Pt2) VWB Terrell Goertz

Charge: WB John Brown

Dramata's Personae

King Solomon

King Hiram

Prompter

Grand Marshal

1st Ruffian (Ja)

2nd Ruffian (Jo)

3rd Ruffian (Jm)

1st Craftsman

2nd Craftsman

3rd Craftsman

Sea-Wayfaring Man

Graveside Prayer

WB Craig Bruner

VWB Terrell Goertz

Secretary

WB Frank Meyer

WB Larry West

WB Jeff Roskelley

WB Thom Baughn

VWB John Browne

WB Frank Meyers

VW Glenn Hutchings

WB John Brown

VWB Terrell Goertz

The candidate was escorted to the secretaries table where he signed the By-Laws and paid his Dues for 2023.

The Degree was well performed, MM Bro. Sullateskee was congratulated by the brethren at the Altar. Officers returned to their regular Stations and Places.

Degrees: It appears that our next degree will and EAM Degree for Mr. Matt Bartlett on Thursday, November 3rd, a Special Communication

Installation of Officers: We will be holding our annual installation of Officers at the October 20th Stated Communication.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom gave a nice report on the Mason Youth. DeMolay boys are doing well. The Rainbow Girls held a Memorial Service on Sunday Oct 2nd. Lots of Majority Rainbows flew in from various parts of the country for the service for Mrs. Jane Taylor, Majority Rainbow who passed. It was a wonderful celebration.

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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.

Secretary — 'Country' John Browne,
contact info on page 4

Presentations: WM Bruner had the SD escorted VW Don Higgerson to the East where he was presented with his 30 Year Pin. WM Bruner then had the SD escort WB John Brown to the East. WM Craig said that he'd been ask to present a 50 Year Scottish Rite Cap to City John, which was done. Public Grand Honors were accorded to both fine brothers.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was given. Union Solomon Lodge will be down to exchange Trowels with Bellingham Bay tomorrow evening. The Dist. Ten meeting is coming in the approaching January 2023.

Sickness and relief: VWB Don Higgerson reported that his wife Kathy was still sore but mending from her surgery. WB Dave Nelson reported that his wife Pat was also making steady improvement after her surgery from a month ago. Bro Bill Kappel recently pulled a muscle in one of his lower legs and will be on rest for awhile.

Closing: The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Craig Bruner at **9:20 P.M. / P. & H. P.**

PS Note: There were **20** W-151 brothers in attendance, and **2** guests for dinner.

Whatcom Lodge - Stated Communication held on Thursday, October 20th

Lodge was opened on the 3rd 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 and to Install Officers for the 2022-2023 Term.

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

Visitors: VW David Burn and WB Leonard Hubbard both of BB#44 and given PGH's

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 \$25,577.89 in checking. Whatcom 151's Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio was valued \$802,647.40 as of 1:49 pm, Oct 20th,2022. Cash portion is at \$1,096.76.

Donation Jar: meal donations \$280.00.

Bills: W# 3385 to Monte Thompson in amt. of \$80.02 for dessert & beverages on 10/06 (ck #1564); W #3389 to Jeckyl and Hyde in amt of \$440.00 for this Oct 20th dinner (ck #1566); W #3390 to Monte Thompson in amt of \$9.98 for dessert for this evening. (ck #1568); W#3387 (ck #1565) to GL of WA in amt of \$103.00 W#3388 (ck #1567) to GL of WA in amt of \$55.25 both for pins, cipher sets and WMC.; W#3391 to Payne West in amt of \$446.00 for annual Officers Ins Premium (ck #1569):

Pre authorized: W# 3383 in amt of \$350.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1670 - Oct. Rent (ck #1561); W#3380 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for Oct mileage and Comp. exp. reimbursement (ck #1563);

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

Installation of Officers: WM Craig Bruner had the installation team take their positions.

Installing Master is VW David Burn.
Installing Marshal is WB John Brown
Installing Chaplain is WB Thomas Baughn
Installing Secretary is WB Monte Thompson
Charge to Master - VW David Burn
Charge to Wardens - WM VW Terrell Goertz
Charge to Lodge - VW Craig Bruner
Proclamation - WB John Brown

Officers for the 2022—2023 Term

WM VW Terrell Goertz	Inst by VW David Burn
SW VW Don Higgerson	Inst by WM VW Terrell Goertz
JW Bro Bruce Smith	Inst by WM VW Terrell Goertz
Tre WB Ted Schuman	on vacation
Sec'y VW John Browne	Inst by WM VW Terrell Goertz
Chap Bro Jerry Hill	Inst by WM VW Terrell Goertz
Mar WB Frank Myers	Inst by WM VW Terrell Goertz
SD Bro Jeff Roskelley	Inst by WM VW Terrell Goertz
JD Bro Moss Roberts	Inst by WM VW Terrell Goertz
SS Bro Bill Kappel	Inst by WM VW Terrell Goertz
JS WB Ken Peck	Inst by WM VW Terrell Goertz
Mus WB Claude Weedon	Inst by WM VW Terrell Goertz
Tyler Bro Scott Jenkins	working on MM Prof.

Presentations: Sec'y John Browne, on behalf of the lodge and himself, gave a present to VW Craig Bruner thanking him for his excellent term of service. The gift was a CRKT Tomahawk.

VW Craig Bruner, on behalf of himself and the lodge made a presentation to Sec'y John Browne of a card and donation thanking him for his service.

Petition: A Petition for the Degrees from Mr. Kelly Berg was read in Lodge and an Investigation Committee, consisting of Monte Thompson, Bill Kappele and Craig Bruner was appointed. The petition will be reported on at the Nov. 17th Stated and balloted on.

Degrees: EA Degree for new Elected Matt Bartlett is scheduled for our Special Communication on Thursday, November 3rd.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn reported on both the Rainbow Girls, who stopped by at dinner to hand out Treats to the Brothers and on DeMolay who has a new petition for membership

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided.

Sickness & relief: VW Kurk Gazow’s wife recently underwent surgery but is recovering nicely.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner Complemented the Lodge on a nicely done installation of officers.

Closing: The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM VWB Terrell Goertz at **8:30 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **19** W-151 brothers, **2** visitors and **1** guests for dinner.

Memorial Service for MWB Wayne Joseph Deming



Brethren, it is past time to pay our due respect and honor to the life of our beloved MWB Wayne Deming. That being the case a memorial service has been arranged for us to pay our respects and in Masonic Ritual celebrate his Life.



This service is set for Saturday, **November 19th at 11: am.** We will gather at the **Greenacres Cemetery** where MW Brother Demings’ mortal remains now reside. The cemetery is at the intersection of Northwest Avenue and Axton Road.

Brothers Thom Baughn, Winton Smith and Terrell Goertz have teamed together to officiate the Graveside Service.

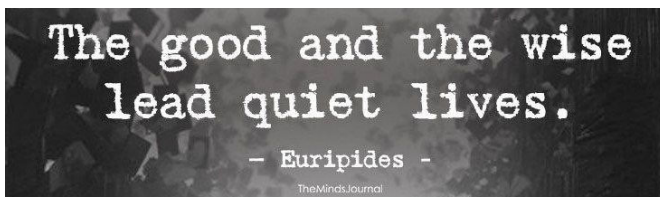
After the service light hors d’oeuvres, coffee and dessert will follow at the Scottish Rite Lodge in Bellingham. Brothers Don Higgerson and Craig Bruner will facilitate this.

If you would like to help please contact VW Craig Bruner, DDGM for District Ten. @ **360 319 7163.**

Masons, your presence is respectfully requested.

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”

~Ralph Waldo Emerson~



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
25	26	1 NWSC meets at 6:30 pm at Rusty Wagon on Main St., Lynden <i>All Saints' Day</i>	2	3 W-151 Special, meal AT 5:30 PM. Lodge opens at 6:30pm <i>EA Degree</i>	4 BB - 44, 7 pm	5 Hands Across the Border, see Oct issue for details.
6 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>	7	8 <i>Election Day</i> (USA)	9	10 LFI #56, 7 pm	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> (USA) <i>Remembrance Day</i> (Canada)	12
13	14	15	16	17 W-151 Stated, meal AT 5:30 PM, Lodge opens at 6:30 pm	18 BB - # 44 7 pm	19 Memorial Service at Greenacres for <i>MWB Wayne Deming.</i> Time: 11 am
20	21	22	23	24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> (USA)	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

**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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