



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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Whatcom Lodge Report

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Oct 7th Bellingham Bay - 7 pm
Oct 13th Lynden/Ferndale Int. 7 pm
Oct 20th Whatcom Lodge - meeting
opens at 6:30 pm. *Tyled Installation
of Lodge Officers. (Dinner at 5:30 pm.)*

Special Communication held on Thursday, Sep 1st, 2022

Lodge was opened on the 2nd 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 FC Degree on Bro. Vaughn Boatwright.

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 was read by DDGM at the end of the meeting. Topic was getting back to following the WMC regarding Chapter 15 on Elections and Installations.

Donation Jar: The food donation jar contained \$270.00.

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: -----VWB Terrell Goertz; **SW:** -----WB Craig Bruner

JW: -----WB Monte Thompson; **Sec:** -----VWB John Browne

SD: -----WB Ken Peck ; **JD:** -----WB Thom Baughn

SS: -----Bro Bill Kapelle; **JS:** -----Bro Jeff Roskelley

Working Tools-----WB Barry Podwin; **Middle Chamber:** WB Ken Peck, Br. Jeff Roskelley, WB John Brown

G Lecture & Charge: -----VWB Terrell Goertz

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

Masonic Youth: Thom Baughn gave a report... boys and girls are busy. DeMolay held it's Installation of Officers attended by Assembly 17 Rainbow, all had a good time. Assembly #17 will initiate two new girls in the near future.

Masonic Youth: WB Ted Schuman reported that we'll be conferring the MM Degree on FCB Luke Sullateskee in October. He also noted that EAB John Little's 19 year old son is showing signs of interest. WB Tim Springstead's friend made his second dinner visit so there may be a petition requested before long.

Announcements: WB Ted reported that there were 27 attendees at the W-151 BBQ. The Installation of Whatcom Officers is now planned for Thursday, October 18, it will be 'Closed' except for Masons of all ranks.

Passing: It was announced that Bro William "Bill" D'Aoust, member of BB #44, passed away at age 104 just a few days ago.

Sickness and relief: It was reported that WB Frank Myers and wife Ruby have Covid but are resting and recovering. Our Sec'y is suffering discomfort from a 'root canal' procedure at his dentist.

DDGM: VWB Craig Bruner read a Letter from our Grand Master as noted under communications.

Closing: The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Craig Bruner at **8:40 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **18** W-151 brothers in attendance and **3** guests for dinner.



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.

Sec'y John Browne, contact info at bottom of page 4.

Whatcom Lodge - Stated Communication held on Thursday, September 15th

Lodge 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. David Gehrcke of BB#44 was given a hearty welcome.

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 \$25,551.38 in checking. Whatcom 151's Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio is down again and was valued \$849,378.89 as of 3:05 pm, Sep 15th, 2022. Cash portion is at \$1,095.43.

Donation Jar: meal donations \$240.00.

Business: WM Bruner proposed to provide a monthly remittance to our sec'y for expenses for computer, printer and internet, up \$150 per month. After discussion it was so moved by John Brown, 2nd by Frank Myers and the resulting ballot was approved.

WB Ken Peck purchased some cookware for the Scottish Rite hall. The cost was \$144.35. After discussion it was moved by Frank Myers, 2nd by Monte Thompson for the Lodge to reimburse WB Ken, the motion was approved. W#3382 (ck #1560)

Bills: W# 3379 to Monte Thompson in amt. of \$42.97 for dessert on 9/1 & 9/15 (ck #1558); W# 3381 to Jeckyl & Hyde in amt of \$425.00 for dinner on Sept 15th. (ck #1557):

Pre authorized: W# 3376 in amt of \$350.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1664 - Sept. Rent (ck #1554); W#3380 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for Sept mileage and Comp. exp. reimbursement (ck #1559);

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

Petition: The Inv Committee reported on the Petition for the Degrees of Masonry from Mr. Matthew "Matt" Bartlett. The candidate was visited on Sept 9th. Mr. Bartlett and his wife participate. The committee advises that the full committee feels the petition be granted. The petition was then balloted-on and the result was *Fair, Clear and Bright*. The EA Degree for Matt Bartlett will be aimed for *November 3rd*.

Masonic Education: WM Craig Bruner showed a new Masonic Trivia card game. Sounds pretty hard, lots of obscure Masonic details.

Degrees: The MM Degree for Bro. Luke Sullateskee is planned for the Oct 6th Special Communication. We hope to have an EA Degree for new Elected Matt Bartlett.

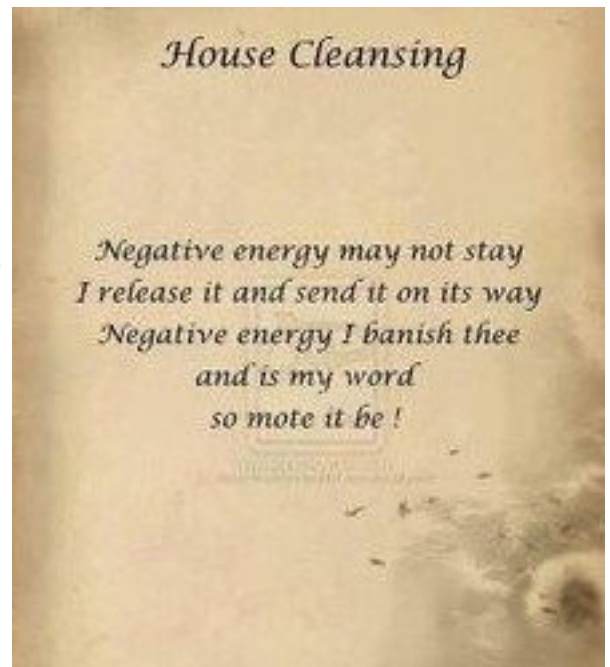
Masonic Youth: Bro. Dave Gehrcke reported that the Rainbow Girls were going to host a Pancake Breakfast soon.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided. Open Installation of Officers for Bellingham Bay 44 is tomorrow evening. Dinner at 6 pm with ceremony at 7 pm.

Sickness & relief: Kathy Higerson is up and around after surgery.

Closing: The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Craig Bruner at **7:40 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **15** W-151 brothers, **1** visitor in attendance and **1** guest for dinner.



The District Ten Meeting
will be on
January 21st, 2023.

Details will be forthcoming.

Master Mason Degree

Whatcom Lodge will be conferring the Master Mason Degree on Brother Luke Sullateskee at our Thursday, October 6th Special Communication. Dinner will be served as per-usual at 5:30 pm. Lodge will open at 6:30 pm.

Installation of Officers Whatcom Lodge No. 151

Whatcom Lodge will hold it's Annual Installation of Officers in a **Closed Ceremony** at our Thursday, October 20th Stated Communication. As usual dinner will be at 5:30 pm, Masonic guests should let us know if you're attending dinner so we can plan for adequate food. You may RSVP to Sec'y John Browne at: jbrowne.brf@gmail.com, sorry, the voice-mail on my phone is not set up.



"Drink water from the spring where horses drink. The horse will never drink bad water.
Lay your bed where the cat sleeps.
Eat the fruit that has been touched by a worm.
Boldly pick the mushroom on which the insects sit.
Plant the tree where the mole digs.
Build your house where the snake sits to warm itself.
Dig your fountain where the birds hide from heat.
Go to sleep and wake up at the same time with the birds – you will reap all of the days golden grains.
Eat more green – you will have strong legs and a resistant heart, like the beings of the forest.
Swim often and you will feel on earth like the fish in the water.
Look at the sky as often as possible and your thoughts will become light and clear.
Be quiet a lot, speak little – and silence will come in your heart, and your spirit will be calm and full of peace."

Saint Seraphim of Sarov

Brethren in District #10

This year we will again have the Ritual Competition to include a team and additional individual competition. We will have the standard SW competition open to 1st time SW only. We will also have a 3-person (WM, SW, JW) team for opening and closing that is open to any Master Masons from the same Lodge. Finally, there will be a competition on the Apron Lecture and Sacred Geometry Lecture. Because the Fellowcraft has been involved in both of these lectures, it is open to ANY Fellowcraft or Master Mason. While each region will send only one winner to the jurisdiction competition, if we have more brothers actively working on their ritual work, we will have more confident and better prepared Masons. Ritual is not easy, you must work at it, and we can all do better.

Who can compete?

Those brethren who will be, or are, their lodge's Senior Warden at the beginning of 2022 will be eligible to compete in the SW competition. No Past Masters can compete in the SW Competition. Any Master Mason may compete in the team competition, and any Fellowcraft or Master Mason may compete in the individual lecture competition.

Time and location to be announced later, stay tuned for more information. This will be a fun event!

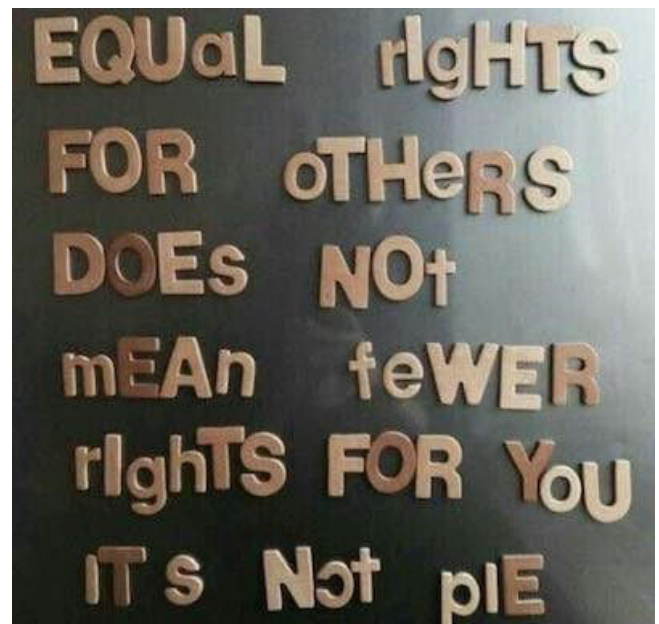
Please contact me if you wish to participate!!

VWB *Craig W Bruner*

Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 10

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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	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5 <i>Yom Kippur</i>	6 W-151 Special, meal AT 5:30 PM. Lodge opens at 6:30pm..MM Degree	7 BB - 44, 7 pm	8
9	10 <i>Columbus Day (USA) Thanksgiving Day (Canada)</i>	11	12	13 LFI #56, 7 pm	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 W-151 Stated, meal AT 5:30 PM, Lodge opens at 6:30 pm. Tyled Installation of Officers.	21 BB - # 44 7 pm	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 <i>All Hallo's Eve! Halloween</i>	1	2	3	<div data-bbox="1117 1052 1528 1409" data-label="Text"> <p>OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER IS THE BEST TIME OF THE YEAR. DON'T EVEN ARGUE. HAPPY HALLOWTHANKSMAS</p> </div>	

**Widows & Orphans Fund
 for District No. 1**

If you would like to know more about
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