



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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## December Special Communication...Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>., 2022

Lodge was opened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at 6:30 P.M. by WM Terrell Goertz who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to enjoy Masonic fraternalism and 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:** Invitation from Rainbow for Lunch, Saturday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2PM.

**Donation Jar:** The food donation jar contained \$255.00.00.

**Masonic Youth:** WB Thom Baughn gave a report on our local Masonic Youth groups. The Rainbow Girls had a planning meeting this evening over at the Ferndale Masonic Center. The DeMolay Boys are working on a Christmas Tree Program and they have two new members to initiate in the near future.

**General discussion:** Thom Baughn addressed the members and asked that some consider learning elements of the Masonic Funeral Services so we can meet the needs of our brotherhood. There are many Brothers who are elderly so there will be work to be done.

**Turkey-day** Several brothers pointed out that we have many individual dinners around Thanksgiving and suggested it would be nice for all the Masonic groups pull together and host a District wide Thanksgiving Dinner. Most present thought that was a good idea.

**Feast of St. John:** WB Ken Peck advised that the menu for the Feast of St. John will be pork loin, twice-baked potatoes, salad, rolls and dessert. He requested some help setting up!

**Historic Education:** WM Terrell gave a presentation which he said was about humor, perhaps ironic humor would fit. Terrell that there was a TV show a numbers of years ago, "Hogan's Hero's" which lots of folks thought was in poor taste and others like it a lot. The poked fun at Germans who ran a prisoner of war camp during WWII. Nothing actually funny about those camps Several of the German were displayed as bumbling fools, the show played for laughs. The real irony was who the actors were who played those Germans were of Jewish faith and even fought in the war. The sad news is we're still dealing with anti-Jewish sentiment in the U.S. in the present time. Terrell gave an excellent presentation.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was given. The Dist. Ten Meeting is set for Saturday January 21st from 11 am to 1 pm here at the Scottish Rite Temple.

**Sickness and relief:** VW Don Higgerson noted that his wife Kathy needs two new surgeries. Our prayers go out to her.

**Closing:** The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell Goertz at 7:45 P.M. / P. & H. P.

**PS Note:** There were 17 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

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

**Jan 13<sup>th</sup>** Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge  
opens at 7 pm.

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>** Whatcom Lodge - meeting  
opens at 6:30 pm.

**Jan 21<sup>st</sup>** District Ten Meeting - 11am to  
1pm at the Scottish Rite Temple.

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## December Stated Communication...Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Lodge was opened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at 6:30 P.M. by SW VW Don Higgeson who said that the purpose of this Stated Communication was to take care of Lodge Business.

The Tyler was invited to Tile from within.

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

**Communications:** GL Christmas/Holiday Letter, Three letters of Suspension from Grand Lodge were read aloud to the assembled members.

**Finance Report:** We are doing well with \$27,079.27 in checking. Whatcom 151's Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio was valued \$866,334.17 as of 9 pm, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Cash portion is at \$1,101.37.

**Donation Jar:** meal donations \$170.00.

**Bills:** W#3401 to WB Ken Peck in amt of \$113.14 for Dec 1st dinner (ck #1579); W #3403 in the amt of \$90.84 to JW Bruce Smith for this evenings dinner (ck #1581)

**Pre authorized:** W# 3400 in amt of \$350.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1692 - Dec. Rent (ck #1578); W#3402 in amt of \$530.00 to Sec'y John Browne for 6 mo. Rec. Kping, Dec. mileage & Comp. exp. reimbursement (ck #1580):

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

**Feast of St John:** So far 17 persons have RSVP'd for the Event.

**Charity:** Green Envelope Appeal for Hospital Visitation Program was discussed. It was moved by WB John Brown, 2nd by WB Frank Myers to donate \$50.00. The motion was **approved**. W #3404 (ck #1582).

VW Don Higgeson made a point of extending his thanks to the Lodge for the donation to help cover the cost of new dentures.

**Masonic Youth:** WB Thom Baughn reported that the Rainbow Girls were helping other Assemblies and they themselves were about to initiate 6 new girls into Assembly #17. WB Thom noted that the DeMolay boys have taken on a nice local charity project and that they about to initiate 3 new boys into Chuckanut Chapter.

**Masonic Education:** VW Don Higgeson read from the WMC the Duties of a the Grand Master and gave several examples to highlight those duties. He had a walkthrough of the presentation and introduction of the Grand Master when he was in attendance in Lodge.

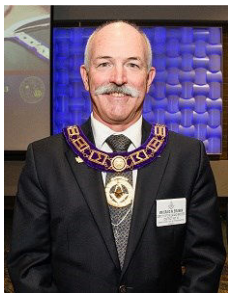
**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was provided. WB Ted Schuman reminded Brothers That Tuesday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> was lunch at the Rusty Wagon.

**DDGM:** VW Craig Bruner reminded the brothers that the District Ten Meeting was not long off, Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. WB Ted Schuman advised that he felt a duty to support the Deputy, after all, he is a member of our Lodge. VW John Browne moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by WB Thom Baughn, that up to \$200.00 dollars be authorized to assist VW Craig Bruner in putting on the meeting: food and a gift for the Grand Master. The motion was **approved**.

**Sickness & relief:** Don Higgeson noted that his wife Kathy was healing from her surgery but struggling emotionally with how it's changed her body. We'll keep her in our thoughts and hearts.

**Closing:** The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by SW VW Don Higgeson at **7:55 P.M. / P. & H. P.**

**PS Note:** There were **16** W-151 brothers in attendance and our candidate Mr. Kelly Berg joined us for dinner.



## District 10 Meeting

Greetings Brothers of District Ten. Good news, our annual District 10 Meeting is nearly upon us and we will be honored to have the Grand Line visiting our district.

Brothers of Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44, Lynden-Ferndale Int. Lodge No. 56 and Whatcom Lodge No. 151, as Deputy of the Grand Master in District Ten I request your attendance to the annual district meeting, if within the length of your cable-tow. Most Worshipful Grand Master Edward Woods and our Grand Lodge officers look forward to seeing you there.

**Date:** Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**Time:** starts at 11:00 am concludes at 2:00 pm.

**Location:** The Bellingham Valley  
Scottish Rite Temple,  
1101 N State St.



Brethren, Dwelling together in unity is one of the truly foundational descriptions of our Brotherhood. The annual District meeting is a great opportunity to reacquaint with brothers, share and discuss ideas, and plan ahead.

**Agenda for meeting:**

Beginning at 11:00 am. There will be Coffee, tea and refreshments

At 11:45 am we gather in the Lodge room for the formal part of the meeting

At approximately 1:15 pm we break for Hors d'oeuvres light refreshment for visiting or one on one with a Grand Lodge Officer or representative.

To help our District Deputy plan the refreshments please extend him the courtesy of an  
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*A great man is hard on himself  
A **small** man is hard on others.  
Confucius*

**I used to think that  
communication was key  
until I realized  
comprehension is. You  
can communicate all  
you want to someone  
but if they don't  
understand you, it won't  
reach them the way you  
need it to.**

#BoysToMen #GirlsToWomen

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>1</b>  <i>New Year's Day</i> 8th Day of Christmas	<b>2</b>  9th Day of Christmas	<b>3</b>  10th Day of Christmas	<b>4</b>  11th Day of Christmas	<b>5</b> W 151 spl Comm EA Degree, Dinner at 5:30 pm, mtg at 6:30 p  12th Day of Christmas	<b>6</b> BB # 44 State Comm at 7 pm  <i>Epiphany</i>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Lyn/Fm Int # 56 at 7 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm. BB #44 plans to visit as their Special.	<b>20</b> BB 44 visits W-151 on the 19th.	<b>21</b> District Ten Mtg 11 am to 2:00 pm. At the Scottish Rite Tem- ple.
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

**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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