



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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## January Special Communication...Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>.

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 confer the EA Degree on Mr. Kelly Berg and to enjoy Masonic fraternalism and education.

**Visitors:** Br. Jan Timmerman, Saudi Arabia Lodge 897 and WM Leonard Hubbard of BB #44, a hearty welcome.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meetings were not read, having been previously approved.

**Communications:** MSA Emessay Note and Short Talk Bulletin, Notice from GL on Leadership Retreat

**Donation Jar:** The food donation jar contained \$277.00.

**Degree:** WM Terrell asked the Degree Team to take it's places.

**Conferring Master:** Bro. Bruce Smith **SW:** VWB Don Higerson  
**JW:** VWB Terrell Goertz

**SD:** Bro Jeff Roskelley **JD:** Bro Moss Roberts **Tyler pro-tem:** Bro Scott Jenkins

**Sr Steward:** Bro Bill Kappele **Jr Steward:** WB Thom Baughn

**Secretary/prompter:** VWB John Browne

**Working Tools:** Bro Luke Sullateskee **Apron Lecture:** WB Thom Baughn

**Lecture of the Degree:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Section:** VWB Terrell Goertz **2<sup>nd</sup> Section:** VWB John Browne

**Charge:** WB John Brown

After the degree our new Brother was escorted West of the Altar and congratulated by the members of the Lodge. The Degree Team dispersed to their regular stations and places in the lodge.

**Masonic Youth:** WB Thom Baughn gave a report on the local Masonic Youth. The Rainbow Girls are taking on a rescue project regarding the feral cats residing in the Fairhaven area of Bellingham. They are also going to Initiate three new girls on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The DeMolay Boys are also very active and showing good leadership.

**Feast of St. John:** Sec'y John Browne and JW Bruce Smith each provided some information regarding the successful Feast of St. John dinner on December 27th, 2022. There were 24 of 26 rsvps in attendance.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was given. The trip to Prince David Lodge # 101 in Maple Ridge BC on January 24<sup>th</sup> was noted.

**Sickness and relief:** It was noted that MWB Don Munks would soon be undergoing surgery on his lower back. Sec'y Browne advised that he had been in contact with WB Don Olson who had a rough year medically but is on the mend.

**DDGM:** VW Craig Bruner reminded brother that he would appreciate their attendance at the District Ten Meeting to be held on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, here at the Scottish Rite Temple at 11 am.

**Closing:** The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell Goertz at 8:50 P.M. / P. & H. P.

**PS Note:** There were 23 W-151 brothers in attendance and 2 guests for dinner.

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>** Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>** Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge  
opens at 7 pm.

**Feb 16<sup>th</sup>** Whatcom Lodge - meeting  
opens at 6:30 pm.



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.

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

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## December Stated Communication...Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Note:** Prior to opening Br Scott Jenkins completed his MM Proficiency before a committee appointed by WM.

Lodge was opened on the **1st** Degree at 6:30 P.M. by VW Terrell Goertz who said that the purpose of this Stated Communication was to take care of Lodge Business.

The Tyler was invited to Tile from within.

**Visitors:** WM Leonard Hubbard, VW Winton Smith, WB Ken Gass, WB Rick Kiene, Br Doug Kingston, WB Dick Zaglow, Br Ridge Bernosky, WB George Edwards and Br. Brad Stirling of BB#44; and WB Joe Kabro, of Justice Columbia #3 in WA DC. All received an appropriate round of applause.

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

**Finance Report:** We are doing well with \$30,668.82 in checking at 3:19 pm 1-18/2023. Whatcom 151's Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio was valued \$873,029.48 as of 2:50 pm, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Cash portion is at \$1,105.51.

**Donation Jar:** meal donations \$255.00.

**Bills:** W #3409 in amt of \$90.41 to Bill Kappele for tonight's dessert (ck #1586); W #3410 in amt of \$224.28 to Ken Peck tonight's dinner (ck #1587)

**Pre authorized:** W# 3408 in amt of \$350.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1702 - Jan. Rent (ck #1585); W#3407 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for Jan mileage & Comp. exp. reimbursement (ck #1584):

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

WB Ken Peck addressed the members advising that there was a need for an Ice Machine in the Kitchen to keep beverages cold. After discussion it was moved by Craig Bruner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted Schuman to authorize Ken Peck to spend up to \$750.00 to procure and Ice Machine. The motion was **approved**.

**Masonic Youth:** WB Thom Baughn reported that our Rainbow Girls were going to Initiate 3 new members this Saturday, January 21st. He also advised that the DeMolay Boys were going to participate in a Game Day event and they were preparing for their Annual Conclave this April.

**Masonic History Education:** WB Tim Springstead gave a very interesting presentation on his family and Masonic connections at the Battle of Gettysburg July 1 - 3, 1863. He also provided an update on Shrine Hospital activity specifically about a child from Mexico and 6 children from Ukraine.

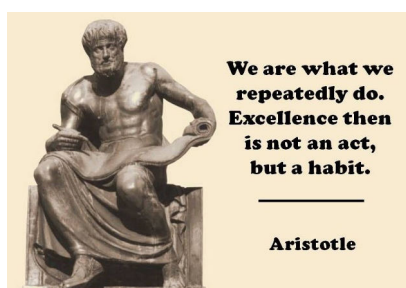
**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was provided. District Ten meeting this Sat. Jan 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 am.

**Sickness & relief:** It was reported that MWB Don Munk's back surgery was a success. WB Ken Peck thanked the members for their well wishes on behalf of his Wife Jill.

**DDGM:** VW Craig Bruner asked the members to arrive at the District Meeting at around 10:30 am Saturday morning, so we could start as close to 11 am as possible.

**Closing:** The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM VW Terrell Goertz at **8:10 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

**PS Note:** There were **18** W-151 brothers in attendance and **10** visitors to Lodge.



Join Northwest Washington District for...

February 11th 2023 11:00am

## Cookie and Card Making!

We will be making cards as well as cookies (some to take home) for a local volunteer fire department in honor of Valentine's Day! Contact Vivian B. at (360) 572-1994, or Elise H. at (360) 899-8652 for information and any questions.



## Widows and Orphans Fund

The District 10 Widows and Orphans Fund is a voluntary membership organization made up from Master Masons, in good standing, of the District 10 Masonic Lodges, F&AM under the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington. Initial application for membership must be made prior to the age of 75 and membership continues as long as the member remains in good standing in his Lodge and current in his Fund assessments. Annual assessments are determined on the basis of total membership numbers and the number of payments made to designated beneficiaries during the prior year.

The purpose of the organization is to provide funds for widows and orphans of its membership to facilitate the expenses incurred in the death of a member, as provided by the applicant. Under the current by-laws, the fund issues a check of \$500, payable to the beneficiary, as reasonably soon as possible after the passing of a member. This amount was approved by vote of the membership in October of 2013.

Since that time, as we're all aware, expenses have increased. In that light, the Fund's executive committee is proposing, subject to approval of the membership, that the benefit amount be increased to \$1,000. The Executive Committee members feel that we can accommodate this increase without endangering the viability of the Fund.

Members of the Fund will be receiving a ballot in the mail in the near future to vote on this proposal. The decision to utilize mail-in ballots was made to enable all members of the fund to register their position and especially to accommodate those members who would otherwise be unable to attend a general meeting in person.

This fund is an excellent vehicle for Master Masons of this district to fulfill one of their Masonic obligations and we would strongly encourage every eligible Master Mason to consider membership. What better way to practice real Masonic charity than to provide comfort and tangible support to the widow of a brother in a time of sorrow and loss?

Fraternally,

WB John J. Brown, President

WB Ken Peck, Treasurer

WV Craig Bruner, Vice President



## District Ten Meeting

The District Ten meeting was a success by any measure and attendance was certainly one. There were on the order of sixty attendees, which included a number of wives. All three Whatcom County Lodges were well represented. It was hard for me to get an exact count because many brothers did not sign the porch book, only 37 did.

Our District Deputy had donuts & coffee on hand as folks arrived between 10:30 and 11 am. The meeting started at 11am with introductions of the three Worshipful Masters who spoke briefly about their respective lodges. Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and VW Craig Bruner then gave his State of the District Report. After completion he introduced our Grand Master MW Edward C. Woods. First up the grand Master introduced three of the Masons who were present and who had made themselves available for election as the next JGW in June of 2023. Each gave introduction of themselves and their views.

The current elected officers each gave a talk on a pertinent Masonic topic and then the Grand Master took the floor and made his presentation. After he finished MW Ed Woods asked if there were any presentations to be made. VW Terrell Goertz came to the East where he, and MW Ed Woods presented WB Ken Peck with a *Hiram Award* from Whatcom Lodge 151.

The evening was capped off with MW Ed Woods and VW Craig Bruner presenting the *Grand Master's Achievement Award* to WB Ted Schuman.

*Submitted by* VW John Browne, Sec'y of Whatcom 151

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>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	<b>2</b> W 151 spl Comm Dinner at 5:30 pm, mtg at 6:30 p  <i>Groundhog Day</i>	<b>3</b> BB # 44 State Comm at 7 pm	<b>4</b> Rainbow #17 <i>The Oriental Dynasty Installation Starts at 1 pm Ferndale Masonic Ctr.</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Hesperus Com- mandry #8 at 7:30pm	<b>7</b> NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	<b>8</b> York Rite Coun- cil 16 at	<b>9</b> Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Rainbow #17 <b>Cookie and Card Making! At 11 am</b> See info Ad on page 2 <b>Contact:</b> Vivian B - 360-572-1994 Elise H - 360-899-8652
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	<b>14</b>  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm.	<b>17</b> BB 44 Spe- cial	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm. Moving to Ana- cortes in March.  <i>President's Day</i>	<b>21</b> Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon, meet at 11:30 am.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Ferndale #17 Skating event, see page 3 for details.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		

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

If you would like to know more about  
the W & O Fund contact  
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VW Craig Bruner - *Vice President*  
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