



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

Free and Accepted Masons of Washington

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April 2023

March Special Communication...Thursday the 2nd.

Lodge was opened on the 1st Degree at 6:40 P.M. by WM Terrell Goertz who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to enjoy Masonic fraternalism and education.

Visitors: None

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, the regular Sec'y was out of town on family matters.

Donation Jar: The food donation jar contained \$220.00.

Masonic Youth: Thom Baughn applauded DeMolay activities and reported that Rainbow Girls are active and performing charitable activities.

Degree: The FC Degree for Br. John Little is set for our Stated Communication on Thursday, March 16th.

Masonic Education: Terrell discussed Masonry as a "secret society" vs a society with secrets.

WB Thom Baughn described a program used by BB#44 called Terra Masonica that highlights lodge all over the world. He stated that it is quite interesting, and that VW Kurt Gazow has access to it and that Whatcom might wish to consider using it.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was given.

Sickness and relief: WB Don Olsen is home after a lengthy stay in the hospital. VW Don reported on his wife's battle/recovery with breast cancer and announced that she was back in the hospital with a staph infection.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner offered Grand Lodge pins/wooden coins for sale. He also asked the brethren to use the wooden nickels to show that they supported the youth by attending a youth activity. He then described the Grand Lodge process of collecting aprons of deceased brethren to be repurposed and suggested we might wish to do the same with those aprons we have of deceased Whatcom brethren.

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

PS Note: There were 18 W-151 brothers in attendance and 0 visitors.

Secretary — 'Country'

John Browne,

contact info on page 4

Stated Meeting Dates

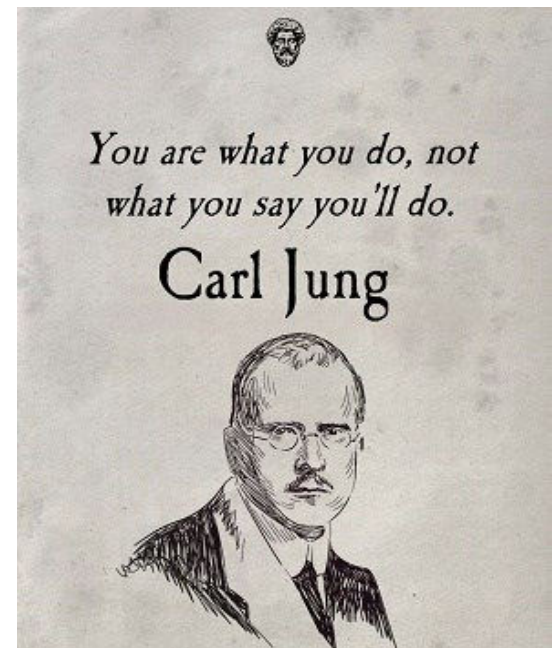
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District Ten Lodges

Apr 7th Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Apr 13th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge opens at 7 pm.

Apr 20th Whatcom Lodge - meeting opens at 6:30 pm.



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.

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March Stated Communication...Thursday, March 16th, 2023

Lodge was opened on the 2nd 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 and confer the FC Deg on Bro. John Little.

The Tyler was invited to Tile from within. **Visitors:** None

Degree: After his welcoming WM Terrell Goertz had the FC Degree Team take positions

WM - Terrell Goertz **SW** - Craig Bruner **JW** - Monte Thompson

SD - Jeff Roskelley **JD** - Moss Roberts **SS** - Bill Kappel **JS** - Ken Peck

Middle Chamber Lecture: Jeff Roskelley, Ken Peck and John Brown **"G" Lecture** by Terrell Goertz

The **Charge** was given by Terrell Goertz.

After the degree the candidate, Bro. John Little was conducted West of the Altar where he was congratulated by the brothers in attendance.

Reading of the Minutes: Last meeting's minutes were not read as they were previously approved but they were at the Secretaries desk for pursual should any brother wish to see them.

Finance Report: We are doing well with \$28,344.42 in checking at 1:36 pm 3/16/2023. Whatcom 151's *Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio* was valued at \$845,959.07. Cash portion is at \$1,111.14.

Donation Jar: meal donations \$255.00.

Bills: W #3423 in amt of \$66.46 to Bill Kappel for Dinner, (ck #1602); ; W #3424 in amt of \$137.58 to Ken Peck for Dinner (ck #1603);

Pre authorized: W# 3421 in amt of \$350.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1722 - March Rent (ck #1600); W#3422 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for March mileage & Comp. exp. reimbursement (ck #1601):

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

Audit: Treasurer WB Ted Schuman announced that the Audit for the Term of VW Craig Bruner was completed on March 14th. Present for the audit were Sec'y VW John Browne, Trea. WB Ted Schuman and WB John Brown. The Audit Report was Read to the Brothers by WB Ted Schuman the Chair of the Audit Committee.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn reported that Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay was having an Ice Skating party this weekend and preparing for Conclave this coming April. Bro. Thom also noted that the Rainbow, who are meeting this same evening at the Ferndale Masonic Ctr., were practicing initiation work as they have a new girl to initiate very soon.

Masonic Aprons: VW Craig Bruner has be assembling some White Leather Aprons which belonged to local Masons who have passed to the Celestial Lodge. It was moved by John Brown, 2nd by Frank Myers to authorize the Sec'y withdraw enough lodge funds to send the final assembled aprons down to Grand Lodge for proper disposal. The Motion was **approved**.

Sickness and Relief: VW Don Higgerson's wife Cathy recently underwent another surgery. She is now home resting. WB Bill Halls' wife Norma had a heart attack but is recovering, she is 91. WB Don Olson is now also resting at home from a recent surgery. It was moved by Sec'y John Browne and 2nd, that the Lodge cover WB Don Olson's 2023 Dues/ Assmt. After discussion the motion was **approved**.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided. WM Terrell noted that we may have, as a guest at our April 20th meeting, the Blaine City Police Chief, who is a Mason.

Reminder given by WB Ted Schuman about the upcoming 3rd Tuesday Lunch at the Rust Wagon Restaurant on March 21st at 11:30 pm. **{post note...there were 10 Whatcom Brothers who attended this luncheon}**

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner Read a Letter from MW Edward C. Woods concerning Lodges and Masons who are in violation of the WMC for having unauthorized copies the Washington Standard Work, the Esoteric portion in Clear Text. He ordered that such unauthorized copies be immediately destroyed.

Closing: The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM VW Terrell Goertz at **8:35 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **20** W-151 brothers attending Lodge and **1** guest for dinner.



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March 13, 2023

To All Lodges and Masons of the Jurisdiction of Washington

Brethren,

It was recently brought to my attention that there are copies of the esoteric portion of our Standard Work in plain English that have been distributed within our Jurisdiction or in possession of Masons and or Lodges of this Jurisdiction.

The Washington Masonic Code Sec. 6.01 (B) (3) Const. provides that “(i)t shall be a Masonic offense for any Mason other than the Grand Secretary to reproduce the Standard Work in plain English in any medium.” Furthermore, the Washington Masonic Code Sec. 4.04 (C) B.L. provides that “(e)ach District Deputy shall sign for a copy of the Standard Work at the Annual Communication in which he is installed, or such other times when a Deputy is installed, and he shall return such copy upon the termination of his tenure as Deputy of the Grand Master. While assigned to him, the Deputy will not allow the Standard Work to leave his personal supervision.”

I do not know if the Brethren or Lodges who possess copies of the Standard Work in plain English created them on their own, copied them from the internet, or borrowed them from a prior Deputy of the Grand Master. Nevertheless, we have taken certain obligations, and we must adhere to them.

Therefore, pursuant to Sec. 3.01(K) of the Washington Masonic Code, I order that all copies of the Standard Work in plain English be destroyed immediately, except for the copies that were issued by the Grand Secretary pursuant to the Washington Masonic Code. Furthermore, I order that this letter be read in its entirety at the next two stated meetings of every Lodge in this Jurisdiction along with Section 6.01 (B) (3) Const. of the Washington Masonic and such reading shall be noted in the minutes. Copies of these minutes signed by both the Worshipful Master and the Lodge Secretary are to be reviewed by your District Deputy who will make report to the Grand Master. Anyone found in possession of a copy of a plain English version of the Standard Work who has not been issued the copy by the Grand Secretary will be subject to Masonic Discipline. (Washington Masonic Code Sec. 6.01 (B) (3) Const.)

Govern yourself accordingly,

Edward C. Woods
Grand Master
Free & Accepted Masons of Washington



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
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Hesperus Com- mandry #8 at 7:30pm	4	5 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm <i>Passover</i>	6 W 151 spl Comm Dinner at 5:30 pm, mtg at 6:30 p	7 BB # 44 State Comm at 7 pm	8
9 <i>Easter</i>	10 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	11 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	12 York Rite Coun- cil 16	13 LFI # 56 Stated at 7 pm.	14	15
16	17 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm. Moving to Ana- cortes in March.	18 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon, meet at 11:30 am.	19	20 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm.	21 BB 44 Special	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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

If you would like to know more about
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