



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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August 2023

July Special Communication...Thursday the 6th.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Lodge was opened on the 6:30 Degree at 6:30 P.M. by VW Craig Bruner who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to share fraternalism.

Aug 4th Bellingham Bay - 7:00 pm

Aug 10th Lyn/Fern Int. Lodge 7 pm.

Aug 17th Whatcom Lodge - meeting opens at 6:30 pm. Dinner at 5:30 pm

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: The 2023 Masonic Tribune for the Summer is available on the Grandview site for download or if you prefer, send me a request and I'll send a copy from my home computer. Also don't forget it's time Washington Masonic Scholarship Renewal I have this information at my desk and the address will be in the Lodge June newsletter.

Donation Jar: The food donation jar contained \$273.00.

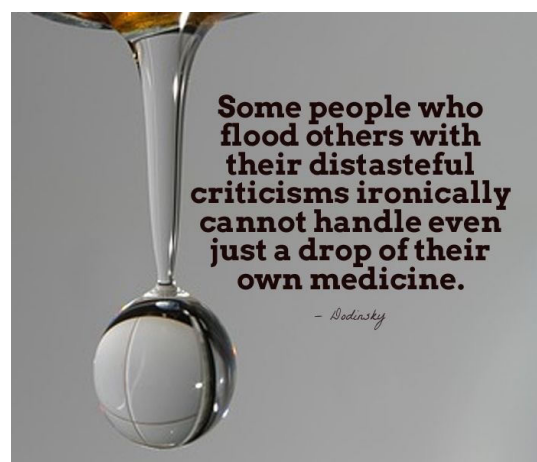
Masonic Education: VW Craig Bruner showed 30 of a Terra Masonica video which was very interesting. The parts we watched featured Mother Kilwinning Lodge in Scotland, St. John's Lodge in New Hampshire and Prince Hall Masonry in Georgia.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was given. In particular City John Brown gave a plug for the Lodge BBQ in August at Ted and Penny's residence—see newsletter for details. And RSVP

Sickness and relief: WB Chris Bonner had a set-back with Pneumonia but is recovering. His waiting for installation of a heart valve.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM VW Terrell Goertz at 7:40 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 13 W-151 brothers in attendance and 0 visitors.



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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July Stated Communication...Thursday, July 20th, 2023

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 conduct the business of the Lodge.

The Tyler was invited to Tile from within.

Visitors: Bro. Peter Herksell of Simi Valley Lodge, Simi Valley, CA, who was introduced and greeted.

Reading of the Minutes: Last meeting's minutes were not read as they were previously approved. The regular Sec'y was absent on Vacation.

Communications: Three Letters from Grand Lodge relating to Suspensions of MM's Dennis Okicich (no term set)... Franklyn Gallup, (for term of 3 years) and Raleigh Stone (for term of 6 months) were read in Lodge. The GL letter on Criminal History Reports and Background Checks for Petitions and Affiliations was also read.

Finance Report: We are doing well with \$31,866.14 in checking at 4:54 pm 7/18/2023. Whatcom 151's *Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio* was valued at \$920,534 at 2.31 pm on 7/19/2023, in June it was valued at \$893,440.70 and in May at \$874,560.62. Cash portion is now at \$1,126.29.

Donation Jar: meal donations \$215.00.

Bills: W #3443 in amt of \$383.71 to Ken Peck for Dinner-kitchen expenses (6/1 \$162.45 + 6/15/\$21.53 + 7/6 \$199.73 for total of \$383.71) (ck #1623); ; W #3445 in amt of \$194.83 to JW Bruce Smith for Dinner (ck #1624);

Pre authorized: W# 3442 in amt of \$350.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1755 July Rent (ck #1621); W#3444 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for July records, mileage & Internet exp. reimbursement (ck #1622).

It was moved by WB Frank Myers, 2nd by VW Don Higgerson to pay the bills, the motion was **approved**.

Plural Membership Petition: from WB William "Scott" Walsh. The Investigation Committee of Ted Schuman, John Brown and John Browne met with WB Scott Walsh on Tuesday June 20th. Their report is *Full & Favorable*. Grand Lodge of WA conferred with the Grand Lodge CA and gave Whatcom 151 the OK to proceed via e-mail dated July 5th 2023.

A ballot was taken on the petition with the result being *Fair, Clear and Bright*.

Petition for affiliation: from Br. Dennis Joe Hayes was read (Br. Hayes previously demitted from 151, date unk). Investigating Committee of VWB Craig (chairman), Br. Bill Kappele and WB Ken Peck was appointed and petition was given to VWB Craig for action.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom gave a report on Masonic youth activities for Rainbow and DeMolay.

Term Elections: WM Terrell announced that Lodge elections would be held at the August Stated Communication.

Masonic Education: WM Terrell read an article on "Who Are We and Where Do We Stand". Points made were what is Masonry, why does it exist and how do we take good men and make them better?

Sickness and Relief: Chaplain Bro Jerry was under the weather (per MW Terrell) and WB Chris Bonner appears to be doing better (per VWB Craig).

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided. The following reminders were given: the Granite Falls outdoor degree on 8/5/23; the Lodge BBQ is on August 12th noon to 3 pm, RSVP to Penny Schuman; there is a planned celebration of Prince David Lodge's anniversary, see poster in the lobby;

The GL letter on Threat to Lodges dtd 7/20/23 was read and a copy of the provided poster was given to VWB Craig who posted it by the Lodge entrance;

WM Terrell announced that he would be absent for the August Special Communication and VWB Craig will take the East;

DDGM: VWB Craig, wearing his DDGM hat, gave details about the upcoming GL gala for the benefit of the Masonic Youth Scholarship Fund.

Closing: The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by VW Terrell Goertz at 7:50 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 15 W-151 brothers, 1 visitor attending Lodge.

Post Script: By the way brethren, those not in attendance missed an outstanding meal of fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, Cole slaw, beans and rice and rolls. The attendant feeding frenzy attested to the Lodge's approval.

Annual Whatcom Lodge BBQ (Lodge Members & Families Only)

Saturday, August 12th
Noon to Three



At the home of Ted and Penny Schuman

The Lodge will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings.



You are asked to bring a side dish,
salad or dessert.

PLEASE RSVP to 360-392-8763 and
tell Penny what you will bring

Oh yes,
"Hawaiian Dress Optional".

Chuckanut DeMolay News!!

Many happenings have been going on the chapter this past year. This year so far we have initiated a few new members to our order and we have been having a lot of fun, from our Winter Sports Fest in January, and Convention in April where Chuckanut Chapter Brother Joshua Evenstad was Elected to be State Master Councilor for DeMolay in Washington. We went and shot each other at Paintball in May and had a blast doing it. This past weekend we played volleyball in Tacoma along with Lilly Little from Evergreen Rainbow. This was a great event. Currently we are planning some other events to have fun. Please look for us to have an Installation in September. Currently, we are selling Chapter pins as a fundraiser. They are \$5.00 each. Please see a member of a chapter for these, at masonic events or reach out to Chapter Chairman Kyle Evenstad. We will even mail them for an extra fee.



Thanks,
Shannon Evenstad
Chapter Advisor



57th International Congress Secretary Elected


Chuckanut Chapter is pleased and very excited to announce that our Brother and chapter member River Peatmen was elected to be our 57th International Congress



Secretary for DeMolay International at our Congress sessions in June. We hope that the members of the Whatcom County Masonic Family will support him through his efforts as he travels around the country and the world, promoting DeMolay.

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Contact River Peatman for more information: rrcpeatman@gmail.com

FMC = Ferndale Masonic Center;
SCH = Scottish Rite Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 Hesperus Commandry Din 6:30 lodge at 7:30 pm B/U Lodge in Sedro Woolley.	2 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter Panda Exp Fundrais- er see pa 3.	3 W 151 spl Comm Dinner at 5:30 pm, mtg at 6:30 p	4 BB # 44 Stated	5
6	7	8 NWSC dinner at Rus- tlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	9 York Rite Coun- cil 16. Din at 6:30 & lodge at 7:30 pm at B/U Lodge in Sedro Woolley.	10 LFI # 56 Stated 7 pm	11	12
13	14	15 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon, meet at 11:30 am.	16	17 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm.	18 BB 44 Spl at 7 pm	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Royal Arch. Din at 6:30 & lodge at 7:30 pm. At Anacortes Lodge.	29	30	31	1	2

**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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VW Craig Bruner - *Vice President*
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the 20th day of each month, to:

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