



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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June Special Communication...Thursday the 1st.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Lodge was opened on the 1st 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. Charles "Chuck" Swart and host Brethren of Prince David Lodge 101 for our Trowel Exchange.

July Bellingham Bay - Dark

July Lyn/Fern Int. Lodge Dark

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

Visitors: Br. Michael, VW Foe Freeman, Br. Joel Berkenpes, Br. Greg Raymond, Br. Robert Unreau and WB Jesse Carlson-WM, all of Prince David Lodge #101 of B.C. & Yukon...also WB Scott Walsh of Siminoff Daylight Lodge #850 and Br. Peter Harksell of Simi Valley Lodge #806, both of the GL of California.

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.

Degree: After the opening welcome WM Goertz had the Degree Team take positions.

The EA degree was conferred by JW Bruce Smith and Bro. Jeff Roskelley was the conducting SD. WB Thom Baughn gave the *Apron lecture* and Bro Luke Sullateskee presented the *Working Tools*. The Degree Lecture was presented by: VW Terrell Goertz (*historical*) and WB Ken Peck (*third section*). WB John Brown gave the *Charge*.

At the conclusion of the Degree JW Bruce Smith had SD Jeff Roskelley escort our new EA Bro. Chuck Swart West of the Altar where the Brethren gave individual congratulations.

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 \$340.00.

Masonic Youth: Thom Baughn noted that Assemble #17 will host it's Installation of Officers on Saturday, June 17th at 1PM. He further noted that Chuckanut Chapter had a very fun paintball activity recently.

Trowel Exchange: WM Terrell had SD Jeff Roskelley escort WB Jesse Carlson WM of Prince David Lodge #101 West of the Altar. Wm Jesse Carlson presented the Trowel to WM Terrell Goertz who advise that Whatcom Lodge would return it next Year.

Outdoor FC Degree: VW Don Higgeson gave a report on recent Outdoor Fellowcraft annually hosted by San Juan Lodge #175. It was once again a great meal and the Degree went splendidly with MW Jim Mendoza performing the Middle Chamber Lecture.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was given. The 166th Grand Lodge Annual Communication is June 8th through June 11th in Wenatchee, WA. SW VW Don Higgeson, VW Craig Bruner and VW John Browne will represent the Lodge. The Annual Masonic Park campout is June 15-17.

Sickness and relief: WB Chris Bonner has suffered repeated heart attacks but is now somewhat stable, give your thoughts and prayer to WB Chris and his wife Trina.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM VW Terrell Goertz at 9:10 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 19 W-151 brothers in attendance and 8 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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June Stated Communication...Thursday, June 15th, 2023

At 6:15 pm, prior to Lodge we gathered in the lodge room to hear Bro Kelly Berg give his EAM Proficiency.

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 conduct the business of the Lodge and to confer the FC Degree on Bro Kelly Berg.

The Tyler was invited to Tile from within.

Degree: The FC Deg was conferred by WM Terrell Goertz SD Jeff Roskelley conducted the candidate.

The **Middle Chamber Lecture** was delivered by Jeff Roskelley, Ken Peck, John Brown.

The **"G" Lecture** and the **Charge** were given by WM Terrell Goertz

Visitors: WB Scott Walsh Siminoff Daylight Lodge #850, Union City CA

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.

Communications: MSA Short Talk Bulletin and Emessay Notes for the month of June.

Finance Report: We are doing well with \$30,210.70 in checking at 1:25 pm 5/18/2023. Whatcom 151's *Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio* was valued at \$893,440.70 compare to last month's \$874,560.62. Cash portion is at \$1,122.46.

Donation Jar: meal donations \$25700.

Bills: W #3440 in amt of \$47.94 to Bill Kappeler for Dinner, (ck #1619); ; W #3441 in amt of \$211.38 to Bruce Smith for Dinner (ck #1620);

Pre authorized: W# 3435 in amt of \$350.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1747 - June Rent (ck #1614); W#3434 in amt of \$530.00 to Sec'y John Browne for 6 mo record keeping and June mileage & Internet exp. reimbursement (ck #1618).... Checks for Annual Communication authorized on 4/20/23 were: to Craig Bruner (ck #1615), to Don Higginson (ck #1616) and to John Browne (ck #1617).

It was moved by Don Higginson, 2nd by Ted Schuman to pay the bills, the motion was **approved**.

Petition for Plural Membership: A Petition for Plural Membership was received from WB William "Scott" Walsh. The Investigation Committee consisting of (Chair) Ted Schuman, John Brown and John Browne was appointed.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual informative report on our two local Masonic Youth Groups.

Masonic Education: WM Terrell Goertz presented a talk on how we humans tend to pay more attention to negative information than we do to the positive. The example he provided relates to the U.S. Economy and the constant flood of negative and even Doomish prognostications. He noted that the facts simply do not support such outlooks and gave data showing how the U.S. is doing well, especially compared to other industrialized nations. It was in fact an inspiring talk. (checkout website....HumanProgress.com)

Grand Lodge Report: Sec'y VW John Browne reported on the recently concluded 166th Annual Communication. In particular he covered the Resolutions and their outcomes and the Election of Officers for the new Term.

GW for 2023-2024 is MW Steve C. Martin **Dep-GM** is RW James C. Norton Jr.

Sr-GW is RW Roger B. Nelson Jr. **Jr-GW** is Christopher C Haynes **G-Sec'y** is RW Clinton M. Brown Jr.

Sickness and Relief: WB Chris Bonner's wife Trina has informed us that Chris is now home and doing better. VW Craig also read a request from the Lodge in Granite Falls requesting Masons assist them with the Masonic Park while Caretaker WB Chris Bonner regains his health.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner read Highlights from the new Grand Master's message outlining his goals for this term.

Closing: The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by VW Terrell Goertz at **9.05** P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **19** W-151 brothers, **1** visitor attending Lodge.

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.

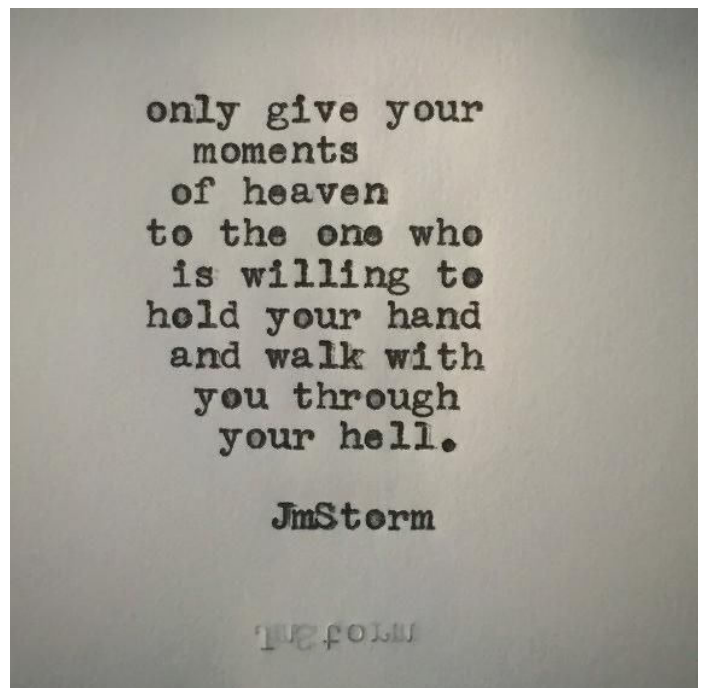
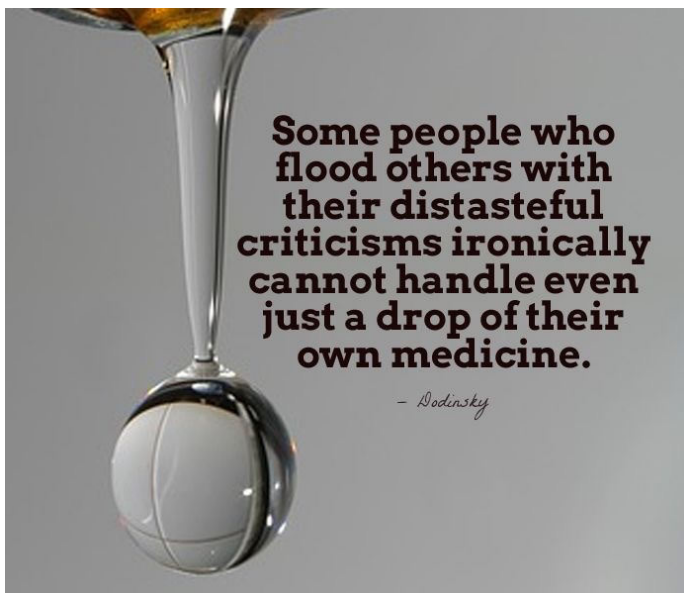
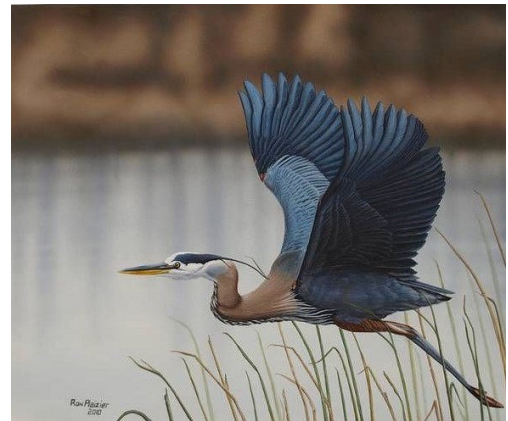
PLEASE RSVP to 360-392-8763 and
tell Penny what you will bring

Oh yes,
"Hawaiian Dress Optional".

The Peace of Wild Things

by Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me
And I wake in the at the least sound
In fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
Rests in his beauty on the water, and the heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
Who do not tax their lives with forethought
Of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
Waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.



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 <i>Independent day</i>	5 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	6 W 151 spl Comm Dinner at 5:30 pm, mtg at 6:30 p	7 BB # 44 Dark	8
9	10	11 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	12 York Rite Coun- cil 16	13 LFI # 56 Dark	14	15
16	17	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 Dark	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

**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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