



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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## May Special Communication...Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup>.

*"May the 4th be with You"*

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 MM Degree on Bro Vaughn Boatwright.

**Visitors:** VW David Burn BB#44, WB Jesse Carlton WM Prince David #101 B.C. & Yukon. VW Joe Freeman, WB Gordon Barnes and one other brother of Prince David Lodge #101 GL of B.C. & Yukon

**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 Master Mason degree was conferred by VW Terrell Goertz and WB Ken Peck was the conducting SD. VW Don Higgerson gave the Apron lecture and Bro Luke Sullateskee presented the Working Tools. The Drama players gave a wonderful performance.

*King Solomon* =Terrell Goertz, *King Hiram* = Craig Bruner. The *Ruffians* were played by: 1st = Ted Schuman, 2nd = Tim Springstead and 3rd = Thom Baughn. The *Craftsmen* were: 1st = David Burn, 2nd = Frank Myers and 3rd = Monte Thompson. The *Sea/Wayfaring Man* was John Brown. The *Graveside Prayer* was given by Craig Bruner. The *Degree Lecture* was performed by: *Historical* - Ken Peck and *Symbols* - Terrell Goertz. The *Charge* was presented by John Brown.

At the conclusion of the Degree WM Goertz had SD Peck escorted MM Bro. Vaughn Boatwright West of the Altar where the Brethren gave individual congratulations. Bro Boatwright also signed the By-Laws at the Secy's desk.

**Communications:** Masonic Service Association Short Talk Bulletin and Emessay Notes. A letter from Grand Secretary regarding the upcoming 166<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication. Registration fee is still only \$20 and can be done on-line.

**Donation Jar:** The food donation jar contained \$300.00.

**Masonic Youth:** Thom Baughn noted that Rainbow was meeting this evening and Paul Brainard reported that Chuckanut Chapter did very well at Conclave and said the boys were getting ready for a paintball outing. He commented that adults might also participate too.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was given. The 166<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Annual Communication is June 8<sup>th</sup> through June 11<sup>th</sup> in Wenatchee, WA. There is on-line registration but a word of note: there is a Farmer's Convention that same weekend and Hotels and Motels are solidly booked. Craig Bruner reminded members that the Outdoor FC Degree is coming this May 20<sup>th</sup> hosted by San Juan Lodge #175. WB Ted Schuman reminded brothers of the Tuesday Lunch on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Sickness and relief:** WB Dave Nelson is slowly recovering from hip surgery.

**Closing:** The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM VW Terrell Goertz at 9:00 P.M. / P. & H. P.

**PS Note:** There were 21 W-151 brothers in attendance and 5 visitors, and 1 guest for dinner.

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

June 7<sup>th</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

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

June 20<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.

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## May Stated Communication...Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 Receive the Official Visit of DDGM VW Craig Bruner and enjoy a guest speaker.

The Tyler was invited to Tile from within.

**Visitors:** WB Scott Walsh Siminoff Daylight Lodge, #850, Union City CA. Given a hearty welcome.

**Labor to Refreshment:** at 6:45 pm WM Terrell Goertz called the lodge from Labor to Refreshment for a guest speaker. Our speaker was Mr. Marcus Brotherton who has written a number of books related to WWII, the Korean War and the Viet Nam War. Mr. Brotherton spoke on the topic of "How to Live Boldly". He touched on three life habits which can contribute to living a bold life.

1. Commit to a Worthy Cause or Goal.
2. Commit to a life of Selflessness.
3. Commit to Determination, don't give up, be resolute and unswerving in your duty to your goal.

Marcus related several stories but the one which stuck out in my mind was that of Joe Johnson who joined the Army in 1941 at age 14, was sent to the Philippines, taken captive by the Japanese and survive that captivity.

At 7:30 pm WM Goertz called the lodge from refreshment back to labor. We speedily conducted business.

**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, Invitation from Rainbow Assembly #17, Information on Masonic Educational Scholarships.

**Finance Report:** We are doing well with \$31,330.19 in checking at 11:30 pm 5/18/2023. Whatcom 151's *Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio* was valued at \$874,560.62. Cash portion is at \$1,118.29.

**Donation Jar:** meal donations \$289.00.

**Bills:** W #3432 in amt of \$128.39 to Bill Kappel for Dinner, (ck #1613); ; W #3433 in amt of \$359.45 to Ken Peck for Dinner (ck #1612);

**Pre authorized:** W# 3431 in amt of \$350.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1742 - May Rent (ck #1610); W#3434 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for May mileage & Internet exp. reimbursement (ck #1611);

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

**Investigation Report & Balloting:** The Investigation Committee for the Petition for the Degrees of Masonry from Mr. Charles Wayne Swart gave it's report which was *Full and Favorable*. The Petition was then balloted-on and the result was *Fair, Clear and Bright*.

**Installation:** WB Ted Schuman was Installed by WM Terrell Goertz as the Lodge *Prospect Manager*.

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

**Sickness and Relief:** JW Bruce Smith has gone back East to be with his son who will undergo Colon cancer surgery.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was provided. Whatcom Campout will be June 15 - 16 - 17, please contact SS Bill Kappel.

**DDGM:** VW Craig Bruner was introduced and given the PGHs. He then noted the GM's motto 'Know Thyself' and quoted Socrates "The unexamined life is not worth living." VW Craig read document from our GM.

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

**PS Note:** There were **23** W-151 brothers, **1** visitor attending Lodge and **1** guest for dinner.



The annual Mason's Camping Trip in the Masonic Family Park will be held on **June 15-17**. Please make your own reservations at [masonicfamilypark.net](http://masonicfamilypark.net).

If you have questions or would like some help making a reservation, please call Bill Kappele at (360) 815-4649 or email him at [mastermason7182019@gmail.com](mailto:mastermason7182019@gmail.com).

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REFLECT WHAT  
YOU DESIRE.  
BECOME WHAT  
YOU RESPECT.  
MIRROR WHAT  
YOU ADMIRE.

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for a Cozy Cottage  
Installation

June 17, 2023  
1 pm at Ferndale Lodge  
5638 3rd Street



Washington Masonic Services  
Scottish Rite Scholarship  
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You have until June 30th to have turned in your renewal application.

For more information visit this website:  
[scholarships@masonscare.org](mailto:scholarships@masonscare.org)

Whatcom members may contact me I have PDF copies of the Application for Renewal on my home computer. Contact me via email.  
[jbrowne.brf@gmail.com](mailto:jbrowne.brf@gmail.com)

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it

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
28	29	30	31	1 W 151 spl Comm Dinner at 5:30 pm, mtg at 6:30 p	2 BB # 44 State Comm at 7 pm	3
4	5 Hesperus Com- mandry #8 at 7:30pm	6	7 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	8 Pre-Grand Lodge event - special invita- tion.	9 Grand Lodge 166 Annual Com- munication	10 166 Annual Com- munication of GL of Washington
11	12 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	13 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	14 York Rite Coun- cil 16  <i>Flag Day</i>	15 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm.	16	17 Rainbow Assem- bly #17, Installation. Ferndale Masonic Ctr. Starts at 1 PM.
18  <i>Father's Day</i>	19 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm. Moving to Ana- cortes in March.  <i>Juneteenth</i>	20 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon, meet at 11:30 am.	21  <i>1st Day of Summer</i>	22 LFI # 56 Stated at 7 pm.	23 BB 44 Special	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

**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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