



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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OCTOBER THROUGH  
DECEMBER IS THE BEST  
TIME OF THE YEAR.  
DON'T EVEN ARGUE.  
HAPPY  
HALLOWTHANKSMAS

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## September Special Communication...

Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Authorized Visitation to Evergreen Assembly No. 17 IORG*

It having been approved at our August 17<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting, on September 7<sup>th</sup> 16 Whatcom members attended the Evergreen #17 Rainbow Assembly meeting in lieu of our own Special Communication. As part of our contribution for the evening Whatcom Lodge provided Pizza for all those who attended dinner at 6 PM.

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge  
opens at 7 pm.

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge - meeting  
opens at 6:30 pm.

The Rainbow Girls gave us a very warm welcome and we were very positively impressed by their ritual work. Evergreen Assembly was ably assisted by a number of Girls who came up from the Assembly in Skagit County. The Girls especially performed the Ritual of Color for us and did a fantastic job.

The officers as noted above were joined by Brothers: Thom Baughn, Joe Hayes, Tim Springstead, Luke Sullateskee, Scott Walsh, John Little and our DDGM Craig Bruner. There were 3 Members of Bellingham Bay Lodge 44 also in attendance: WM Leonard Hubbard, WM elect Doug Kingston, David Gehrcke and Greg Cory.

At the conclusion of the Evergreen Rainbow meeting at about 8:00 P.M. the girls and adult attendees repaired to the dinning room for refreshment, provided by the Assembly, and conversation. We all had a great time.

**PS Note:** There were 16 W-151 Brothers and 3 Brothers from Bellingham Bay-44 were in attendance.

Secretary — 'Country'

John Browne,

contact info on page 4

Two different perspectives on what goes  
into a witch's brew, could age be a factor?



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

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## September Stated Communication...Thursday, 9-21-2023

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 conduct the regular business of the Lodge.

**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 September Special Communication were read. This was a visit to the Evergreen Rainbow Assembly No. 17 at the Ferndale Masonic Center in Ferndale WA.

**Communications:** September MSA, Hands Across the Border Flyer and materials from the Grand Lodge which included Brothers making themselves available for Senior Grand Warden and Trustee positions.

**Finance Report:** We are doing well with \$31,750.83 in checking at 2:50 pm 8/17/2023. 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 came to \$229.00.

**Finance Report:** The lodge checking account stands at \$33,290.01 (cash \$1,139.27) as of 3 pm today. Our Edward Jones Investment Portfolio was valued at \$885,782.67 at 2:50 pm this afternoon. One month ago it was valued at \$920,534. Overall our Annualized Return is 9.21%.

**Bills:** W #3455 in amt of \$213.35 to Ken Peck for 9/21 Dinner expenses (ck #1634);

**Pre authorized:** W #3452 in amt of \$285.81 to Bruce Smith for the dinner at Rainbow #17 on 9/7/2023, (ck #1631); W# 3451 in amt of \$350.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1767 September Rent (ck #1630); W#3448 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for Sept. records, mileage & Internet exp. reimbursement (ck #1632). W#3454 in the amt of \$446.00 to Marsh & McLennan Agency for Lodge Officer Liability Ins. (ck #1632)

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

**Installation of Officers:** Our annual installation of Officers will take place at our November Stated Communication.

**Petition for the Degrees:** A Petition for the Degrees from EA Brother Todd Conradson has been submitted. Bro. Todd desires to join a Lodge in Texas where he now resides.

**Masonic Education:** WM Terrell gave a presentation on the deeper meaning and connections of the Masonic use of Wine, Corn and Oil. He noted in the old world the term corn was used to refer to a variety of grains and salt was even called corn. During Roman times Salt was called Sal from which we get the term salary. Being valuable it was at times used to make payments. The presentation was very interesting.

**Masonic Youth:** WB Thom Baughn gave his usual informative report on our Masonic Youth. He noted that both the Girls of Rainbow Assembly #17 and the Boys from Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay asked to relay their appreciation for attendance to their recent functions. Chaplain Jerry Hill responded to Thom that he had a wonderful time at those youth events,

**Kitchen news:** JS Ken Peck rose to give a report on the state of our kitchen. He noted we were in need fo some heating pans. He made a motion that the Lodge authorize \$200 or so dollars for the pans, 2nd by Craig Bruner. There was a brief discussion. The question was called and the motion was *approved*.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was given. VW Craig Bruner announced that the District Ten Meeting is scheduled for 11am on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Don Higgeson reported that two Whatcom Brother were being honored by the Valley of Bellingham Scottish Rite. VW Craig Bruner was being awarded the KCCH Red Hat and Bro. Alan Smith was being awarded the 33<sup>o</sup> White Hat. Applause was given. VW Don also announced that the rent for the Hall would be going up to \$375.00 starting in October.

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

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



## Ok, let's get Real

### READ IT AND LET IT SINK IN

Every relationship will get "boring" after you've been together for years. Love isn't a feeling it's a commitment to love every day, physically and emotionally. It's difficult, it's not always laughs, smiles, and fun. People tend to quit when it stops being fun, and they go look for someone else, because "the spark is gone". No, that's not how it works. You want somebody to never give up on you, and love you unconditionally then do the same. Be the change. This isn't Hollywood, this isn't the movies. That shit isn't real. Love someone when you don't want to. when they aren't the easiest to deal with. When they're hard to love. That's the realist shit there is.

Life is also funny!

**Do you ever get the urge to start organizing and then 2 hours later you're just looking around at a mess like... what the hell have I done?**



**kids\_kubed** 🇨🇦  
@Kids\_kubed

I called animal control about a raccoon sitting in my tree

They said it was probably a mom trying to get some time away from her babies and that's normal

Now excuse me while I make margaritas and hang out with my new bestie

@kids\_kubed

**I had  
a lot of stuff  
to do  
today.**

**Now  
I have  
a lot of stuff  
to do  
tomorrow.**



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

## 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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