



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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Special Communication held on Thursday, November 2nd

Lodge was opened on the 3rd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by VW Don Higgeson who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to share fraternalism.

Visitors: We had 1 guest for dinner, Austin Brainard of Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay.

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: Masonic Service items including Short Talk Bulletin and a Letter from the Grand Master regarding Dues Cards for the up-coming term.

Finance Report: The lodge checking account stands at \$33,826.82 (cash \$1,144.02) as of 1:18 pm today. Our Edward Jones Investment Portfolio was valued at \$852,439.83 at 1:21 pm, down some from \$863,614.62 on 10/19/2023.

Donation Jar: The food donation jar contained \$270.00. Master Counselor Cody Little, of Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay, provided a plate of brownies for lodge dessert, unfortunately he could not stay. The brownies were excellent.

Masonic Education: VW Craig Bruner showed the Walt Disney cartoon Mathmagic Land hosted by Donald Duck. It was very interesting and has subtle associations to Masonic ideas.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

- Jan 5th** Bellingham Bay - 7 pm
- Jan 11th** Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge opens at 7 pm.
- Jan 18th** Whatcom Lodge - meeting opens at 6:30 pm.
- Jan 20th** District Ten Meeting - 10 am to gather, 11 am meeting begins, 1:15 pm go to refreshment pm. Location will be at the Scottish Rite Temple. In Bellingham.

Prince David report: WB Ken Peck reported on the recent visitation he WM Terrell Goertz made to our sister Lodge's 100 Anniversary Celebration. Ken noted that the WM of Prince David requested that we consider making a visit for the Trowel Exchange on Tuesday Dec. 12th. Several brothers raised their hands to go.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided. Rainbow Thanksgiving Dinner is Saturday Nov. 11th at 1 PM, held at the Ferndale Masonic Center. Annual installation of officers to be held at our Nov 16th Stated communication.

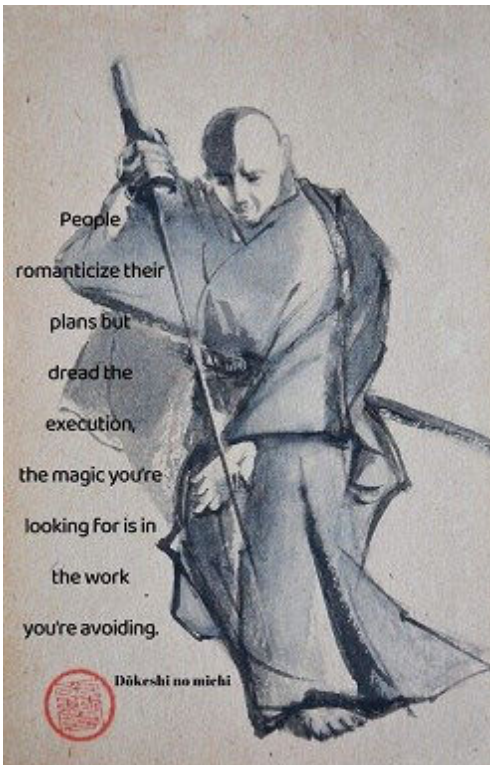
DDGM: Craig Bruner announced that Lynden/Ferndale Int Lodge 56 plans to hold their Installation on the 4th Saturday of November. Craigs hopes there will be some assistance and attendance by brethren of Whatcom Lodge.

Sickness and relief: VW David Burns of BB#44 recently suffered a stroke and is in the Hospital.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by SW VW Don Higgeson at **7:55 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **15** W-151 brothers in attendance and **1** guest for dinner.

Secretary — 'Country' John Browne, contact info on page 4



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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December Stated Communication...Thursday, December 21st, 2023

Lodge was opened on the 3RD 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.

Tyler: The Tyler was invited to Tile the outer door and Tyle from the doorway of the Lodge room.

Minutes: The minutes of the Dec 7th Communication were not read having been previous approved but were on hand for anyone wishing to read them.

Communications: Masonic Service Association Short Talk Bulletin and Emessay Notes.

Donation Jar: meal donations came to \$205.00.

Finance Report: The lodge checking account stands at \$39,615.81 as of 7:30 pm 12/20/23. Our Edward Jones Investment Portfolio was valued at \$935,143.13 at 80 pm of 12/20/23.

Bills: W #3471 in amt of \$126.49 to Bill Kapele for 12/7 Dinner expenses (ck #1650); W #3473 in amt of \$29.22 to Moss Roberts for 12/21/23 dinner expense (ck #1652); W #3472 in amt of \$117.77 to Ken Peck for dinner expense for 12/21/2023 (ck #1651):

Pre authorized: W# 3474 in amt of \$375.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1807 January 2024 Rent (ck #1653); W#3470 in amt of \$530.00 to Sec’y John Browne for 6 month stipend, Dec. records, mileage, Internet exp. Reimbursement (ck #1649).

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

Business: Bro. Chris Waters has written to me and requested a Dimit from Whatcom Lodge. His wife Tara is having serious health issues so Bro Chris feels it best to reduce family expenses so he’ll focus on the local where he now lives. He is not indebted to the lodge so his request will be honored unless a brother here knows of a lodge indebtedness that the Sec’y and Treasurer not aware of. There being no objection the Dimit was signed by WM VW Terrell Goertz and Sec’y VW John Browne.

WB Gordon White has been having a series of both health and financial difficulties making it very hard for him to make his annual dues. A brother covered his 2023 Dues but Brother White is in a bind again this year. Sec’y Browne advised that he’d had a conversation with WB Gordon and they arrived at a decision that Indigency may be the best status for him at the present. After discussion the membership voted it’s approval for WB Gordon White be placed into status as Indigent.

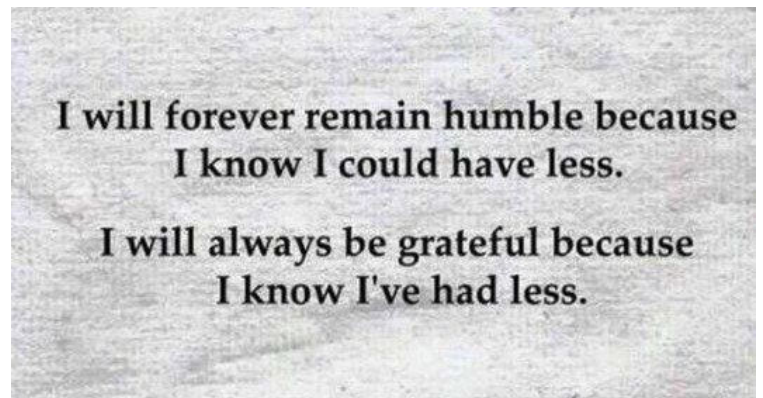
Masonic Education: Sec’y John Browne made an educational presentation to the members enumerating the duties of the Lodge Secretary. Describing the process which takes place between the Grand Secretary and lodge secretaries as the year closes from September through to the End Year Report in January of the new year.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual informative Youth report on our local Rainbow Assembly, who have three new petitions and Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay, who have two new boys coming in.

Announcements: an opportunity for announcements was provided: the Annual District Ten Meeting is set for Saturday, January 20th at 11 am. Also Robbi Burns Night at our sister lodge, Prince David 101 is on January 23, 2024, a ticket is required, see Ken Peck is you wish to attend.

The purpose for which this Special 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 13 W-151 brothers in attendance and 1 guest for dinner, who asked for a Petition.





District 10 Meeting

Greetings Brethren of District Number Ten. Good news, our annual District Meeting is nearly upon us and we will be honored to have our Grand Line visiting us.

Brothers of Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44, Lynden-Ferndale Int. Lodge No. 56 and Whatcom Lodge No. 151, as Deputy of the Grand Master in District Ten I request you to bless with your attendance at our annual district meeting. Most Worshipful Grand Master Steve Martin along with our Grand Lodge officers look forward to seeing you there.

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2024

Location: Bellingham Valley Scottish Rite Temple, 1101 N State St.

Dress: Grand Lodge preference is coat and tie

Agenda for the meeting:

10:00 am. There will be Coffee, tea, refreshments and fraternalism.

10:45am, we gather in the Lodge room for the formal part of the meeting.

11:00am, meeting starts with the pledge of allegiance.

1:15 pm, or sooner, we should have broken for Hors d' oeuvres and light Refreshments

I hope. A perfect time to Fraternalize and or get to know our Grand Lodge Officers and representatives.



Brethren, dwelling together in unity is one of the truly foundational descriptions of our Brotherhood. The Annual District meeting is a great opportunity to reacquaint with brothers, share and discuss ideas, improvements and plan ahead.

To help plan the refreshments please extend the courtesy of an RSVP to Craig Bruner: **Email:** craigwbruner@hotmail.com **Telephone:** 360-319-7163

VWB Craig Bruner, Deputy of the Grand Master District No. 10

Greetings Brother Nobles,

A new year is upon us and we are off running. We will have a meeting on January 2, 2024 at the usual place; Rustler's Café in downtown Lynden at 6 PM. Another item for your calendar is the installation of officers at Nile Shrine Temple. The last word I received was that it would be held at 2 PM on January 13, 2024. If not correct I will let you know at our dinner meeting. As we enjoy the music and celebrate the reasons for the season may we all remember the reason we are members of our organization, the Shrine. As I watch our commercials on TV I am reminded why I joined this organization. My Lady and I have chosen the Honolulu Hospital for our donations, do you have a particular favorite?

I hope everyone had a safe and warm Holliday season as we all look forward to the coming warmth of Spring and the renewal of our beautiful green part of the country and world. As we get older we are not able to be as active as we once were so we must try to find a Brother Mason to take our place in the Shrine Family. Of course that means going to YOUR LOCAL LODGE and talking about what we, as Shriners, do!

Yours in the Faith,

George Edwards, President
Northwest Shrine Club



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
31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> 7th Day of Christmas	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 8th Day of Christmas	2 9th Day of Christmas	3 10th Day of Christmas	4 W 151 spl Comm EA Degree, Dinner at 5:30 pm, mtg at 6:30 p 11th Day of Christmas	5 BB # 44 State Comm at 7 pm 12th Day of Christmas	6 <i>Epiphany</i>
7	8	9	10	11 Lyn/Fm Int # 56 at 7 pm	12	13
14	15 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	16	17	18 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm. BB #44 plans to visit as their Special.	19 BB 44 visits W-151 on the 19th.	20 District Ten Mtg 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. At the Scottish Rite Temple.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

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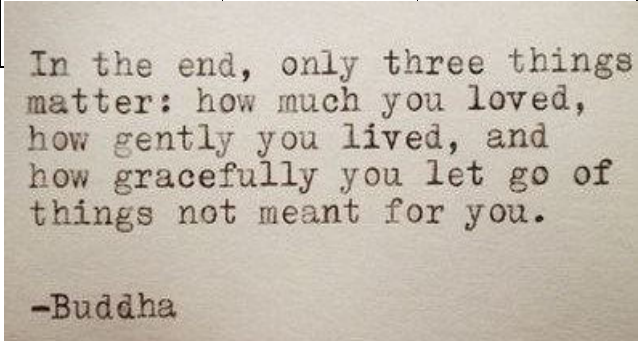
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 out the newsletter on or about the 25th of each month.

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 comment, historical fact, poem or calendar announcement, by
 the 20th day of each month, to:

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

If you would like to know more about
 the W & O Fund contact
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