



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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The Master's Trestle-board

The Summer has zoomed by and I don't know where it went. It seems like it just started a couple of weeks ago and now Fall is on our doorstep! I truly hope each of you had a super-summer and are ready to face the chilly days of Autumn. Whatcom Lodge is a wonderful place to get warm and be with friends, every brother's attendance is a desirable goal.

Fraternally,
WM Glenn W. Hutchings

Calendar of Events

Sep 1st San Juan Lodge is hosting a pot-luck dinner (6 pm), a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new remodel and an awards ceremony for 25,40,50 and 60 year pins, as well as a 90th birthday party for Past Master, WB Nourdine Jensen. They will also confer the Entered Apprentice degree on Mr. Jeffery Rayborn, son of VWB Bill Rayborn, former member of Whatcom Lodge.

Sep 2nd The Whatcom Special will be Friday September the 10th see above right.

Sep 3rd Grand Masters Summit, the host is Bellingham Bay Lodge. The guest speaker will be MW Vern Wertz, PGM of Oregon. There will be a dinner served at 6 PM in the Dining Room.

Sep 10th Join us on this 2nd Friday of the month for the Fellowcraft Degree for Br. Sam Silverman. The Degree will be put on by team made up of Past Masters, who now reside in District No. 10.

Sep 18th MFLA meets at 10 AM at the W. Maplewood Masonic Center. At 12 noon the Widows and Orphan Fund Committee meets, same place. Both groups could use your support.

Past District Deputy Honor Night & Fellowcraft Degree

WM Glenn Hutchings announces that Whatcom Lodge will host a Past District Deputy Honor Night on Friday evening, September 10th, 2004. The evening begins at 6 PM with a festive dinner. At 7 PM we shall open lodge. In addition to giving our fine Past DD's a well deserved night of praise, Whatcom Lodge has asked them to perform some Masonic work.

Our EA Bro. Sam Silverman is ready to be passed. So, after we have a nice dinner, we will put on his Fellowcraft Degree, with a Past District Deputy Degree Team. The degree team is not yet set in concrete but it shapes up so far as follows. VWB John Browne will confer the degree, ably assisted by: VWB Don Higginson in the West, VWB Winton Smith in the South, VWB Frank Juntunen will be the Senior Deacon, the Middle Chamber lecture will be given by WB Gary Pitcher, MWB Wayne J. Deming will present the working tools, VWB Jim Browne will deliver the "G" lecture and VWB Byron Swedberg will give the Charge.

This should be a very interesting evening and this Past District Deputy Fellowcraft Degree Team may possibly be a first. We hope as many District Ten Masons as possible will attend. An RSVP will be gladly accepted so enough table settings can be arranged (738-1537 is the # for the lodge secretary John Browne).

Dinner: begins at 6 PM

Lodge: begins opening at 7 PM

Location: Masonic Center- 2626 W. Maplewood, Bellingham, WA

"Failure should be our
teacher, not our undertaker.
Failure is delay, not defeat.
It is a temporary detour, not a
dead end. Failure is something
we can avoid only by saying
nothing, doing nothing,
and being nothing."

Denis Waitley

Few things are needful to make
the wise man happy, but nothing
satisfies the fool - and this
is the reason why so many of
mankind are miserable. God
does not send us despair in
order to kill us; he sends it in
order to awaken us to new life.

Hermann Hesse

WhatSayYou!

Remember! Things in life will not always run smoothly. Sometimes we will be rising toward the heights - then all will seem to reverse itself and start downward. The great fact to remember is that the trend of civilization itself is forever upward, that a line drawn through the middle of the peaks and the valleys of the centuries always has an upward trend. Endicott Peabody

The world is a great mirror. It reflects back to you what you are. If you are loving, if you are friendly, if you are helpful, the world will prove loving and friendly and helpful to you. The world is what you are. Thomas Drier

You have not lived a perfect day, even though you have earned your money, unless you have done something for someone who will never be able to repay you. Ruth Smeltzer

The happiest people are those who think the most interesting thoughts. Those who decide to use leisure as a means of mental development, who love good music, good books, good pictures, good company, good conversation, are the happiest people in the world. And they are not only happy in themselves, they are the cause of happiness in others. William Lyon Phelps

The tyrant dies and his rule is over; the martyr dies and his rule begins.
Soren Kirkegaard

Nobody can honestly think of himself as a strong character because, however successful he is in overcoming them, he is necessarily aware of the doubts and temptations that accompany every important choice. W. H. Auden

Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed.
Alexander Pope

There is not a single outward mark of courtesy that does not have a deep moral basis.
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Submitted by your Tyler - Ted McQuiston

FOUNDATIONS IN FREEMASONRY

He slowly opened the door to his locker. He hung his police uniform on the hooks and took out his suit. It was Lodge night.

He watched as the last employee left his business, locked the building and made the evening bank drop. He then headed off with a whistle on his lips and a spring in his step. It was Lodge night.

The young man helped his wife clear the table. He then said good night to his children and snuck into his room to change his clothes. Upon leaving he smiled at his wife and kissed her. It was Lodge night.

It had been a hard day. Navigating through the complexities of the legal system was rewarding work. It was also tiring. Normally he would have been headed home for a relaxing evening. But tonight was not normal and he felt none of the usual fatigue as tonight was Lodge night.

Life had not been pleasant since his wife died. His family lived far away and with each passing year it became harder and harder to do the simple things in life. And most of all he missed his life long partner. Tonight he felt a little less pain and life didn't seem nearly as bad. It was Lodge night.

The accident had been terrible. But there was some consolation that his skills as a doctor had saved a life. Still it would not be easy and there were possibilities of complications. But for a while he could place his worries in the hands of others as tonight was Lodge night.

It is hard looking for work when the job market is scarce. Each day he faced the nameless horde of people who continue to tell him that he was not needed. He faced rejection and the possibility of hardship at every turn. Tonight he knew he was wanted and needed, it was Lodge night.

He sat alone in the small room wearing clothes that were not his. He had received warm welcomes from a number of men he didn't know and a few he did. Now with an ancient relic of a bygone age they told him to wait patiently, yet he looked forward to it with anticipation. It was his first Lodge night.

From all walks of life we come. We donate our time to an age honored tradition. We donate our money to help those who cannot help themselves. We gather in fellowship and part in peace. For a while we can lay aside our differences and worries to bask in our shared experiences. We can talk with men who are our equals, men who work to better themselves.

Tonight is Lodge night and I am glad I am a Mason. Author Unknown
Submitter by your Tyler—Bro. Ted McQuiston

From: Your Secretary

Brethren, as we head into Fall 2004 your lodge will be doing some Degree work, holding elections, taking care of dues, recognizing our long-time members and celebrating numerous Holidays. I hope each of you is able to attend lodge at one or more of these events, but if not, please consider contacting your lodge to let your brothers know how you are doing and to let your lodge officers know: how best to serve you and more importantly, your thoughts on ways to better serve our community.

Fraternally, John F. Browne



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THERE'S NO LIMIT TO
HOW COMPLICATED THINGS
CAN GET, ON ACCOUNT
OF ONE THING ALWAYS
LEADING TO ANOTHER.

E. B. White

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