



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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The Master's Trestle-board

Now that December is here I can hardly believe my two years as your WM is concluded. It has been a challenge for someone who really did not seek to be Master, but sometimes one just has to answer the call.

I am very much looking forward to getting behind our newly elected Master and working, not only for Whatcom Lodge, but for the good of Masonry. There is so much still to do and I hope each of you can spare a little time to lend a hand a time or two. I suggest, in particular, helping out with one of the Masonic Youth groups. Their success will be greatly enhanced with additional adult support.

Another organization which could use your assistance is MFLA. This organization is currently a hub, where all the Masonic groups can meet to discuss mutual support issues and coordinate joint and separate activities. Currently MFLA is trying to take steps to make the group more Family Like in actual and not just in name. I am proud to point out that Whatcom Lodge has long been one of the most consistent supporters of MFLA - Thanks to you. Still more can be done, please help.

I hope to see each of you at our stated meeting and Installation & Holiday Dinner, Thu. Dec. 18th, 2003

Sincerely,
WM Buck Strickland

INSTALLATION OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Thursday December 18th, 2003.

Whatcom Lodge No. 151 will be installing its WM for 2004, in an open lodge ceremony, at 6:30 PM. A Holiday Dinner will follow the installation at 7:00 PM. There will be entertainment, the BHS Show-stoppers, a few lodge award presentations and a fine feast.



Come One - Come All!
Whatcom brothers,
attire is dark suit or Tux .

A prayer for December

The morning bright
With rosy light
Has waked me from my sleep;
Father, I own
Thy love alone
Thy little one doth keep.



All through the day,
I humbly pray,
Be Thou my guard and guide;
My sins forgive,
And let me live,
Blest Jesus, near Thy side.



Oh, make Thy rest
Within my breast,
Great Spirit of all grace;
Make me like Thee,
Then I shall be
Prepared to see Thy face.

ANON

In Remembrance

WB Howard C. Deets was born on July 15, 1909 in the Eastern WA town of Odessa; born to Charles and Iona Carolus Deets. The Deets moved to Bellingham when Howard was a teenager. He graduated from Bellingham H.S. in 1927. Howard went to the U of W and graduated in 1931, receiving a B.S. degree in Pharmacy. He had a fine career as a pharmacist and retail businessman. His other business interests included the breeding of Arabian Horses and raising of Polled Hereford beef cattle.



Howard's other life-long interests included music, particularly symphonic and grand opera, and reading, especially poetry and historical fiction and non-fiction. He joined Whatcom Lodge in 1940 and was Worshipful Master in 1946. Howard is survived by his wife of 66 years, Dorothy; a son and daughter in-law, Allyn and Mary Deets, all residing in Bellingham; a granddaughter, Allison Deets, residing in Bow; a sister, Helen Iona Deets, in Seattle; an numerous nieces and nephews.

WB Howard Deets was initiated 2/1/1940, passed 2/29/1940, raised 3/28/1940 and Raised to the Supreme Lodge Above: November 15th, 2003.

*May it be his portion to hear Him
Who sitteth as the Judge Supreme*

WELL DONE,
GOOD AND FAITHFUL BROTHER

*The Lord bless us, and keep us: The Lord
Make His face to shine upon us, and be
gracious unto us: The Lord lift upon us
The light of His countenance, and give us
Peace.....*



From:
Your Secretary

It is indeed the last month of 2003 and soon we'll all be thinking about taxes and New Year's resolutions. For Whatcom Lodge this is a special time of year as we thank our outgoing WM and congratulate and welcome his successor. I am really looking forward to this year because I have a feeling that special events are headed our way and just maybe some new members.

Speaking of members, you'll recall that last month I said I had yet to hear from 18 brothers. Some of those 18 responded and the number dropped to 12. I hope this newsletter's appeal will result in 12 responses. In January brothers, I have to make out the dreaded annual report to Grand Lodge. The report itself is not so bad but this report is the basis on which Grand Lodge charges us for our membership. So, a little reminder to those whom it concerns, Dues for 2004 are due by 12/31/2003. You can see that this is the part of being secretary that is not so much fun. Please help make my job a little easier.

The survey is still going pretty well with 58 respondents. We have 24 brothers who have email addresses. Twenty-nine brothers asked to continue getting the MFN in paper format and 17 opted for the on-line version. Eight brothers chose not to continue receiving the MFN while only 3 chose to drop the Whatcom Lodge Newsletter.

Say, if any brother out there is considering a computer purchase and wants some help in selection and/or set up, please let me know and I will be happy to help out. There are a number of skilled computer users among local masons and most would be delighted to lend you a hand. JFB.



KING'S QUOTE'S

WHY DOES A SLIGHT TAX
INCREASE COST YOU \$200
AND A SUBSTANTIAL
TAX CUT SAVE YOU
30 CENTS?

—Peg Bracken

A Thank You Letter to Whatcom Lodge

Dear Masons:

It is with sincere appreciation that I write this letter to you. I am very grateful for your recognition of me as an educator in Whatcom County. My reward is being able to work with not only my wonderful students, but surrounded with many special friends.

Your generous gift has provide my classroom with "book on tape." My dream for many years has been to create a library in my room for those students that have lower reading skills, allowing them to listen to a story as well as see the words in print. With you gift, I have purchased fifteen different taped books that we either read as a class during the year, or the students are clamoring to check out at the library.

It is exciting to be able to finally see this "dream" happen, within my classroom. I thank you for recognizing me and being supportive of our public education and schools.

There is a very special place in my heart for the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. I was a Rainbow Girl from the ages of 12-18, yet I have felt the support and love for so many years beyond those wonderful Rainbow Days

Again, I thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Heidi Mozelewski
Northern Heights Teacher



Spiritual life is the bouquet,
the perfume, the flowering
and fulfillment of a human life,
not a supernatural virtue
imposed on it.

Joseph Campbell

It is easier to go
down a hill than
up, but the view
is from the top.

50 year pin given out

I had the pleasure to stop and visit for an hour with Bill & Betty Evans, and present to Bro. Bill his 50 year pin and certificate on 11/20/03. You know, even though we had never met, until a recent phone call, I felt right at home, just as brothers and friends should. Like many of our senior brethren, Bill doesn't drive at night and due to a painful knee he doesn't get out too much either. I was so glad I decided to deliver his pin in person. It is such a pleasure to meet one's brothers and sisters in person.

I am trying to get around to those of our brothers who advised me that they wished to have their pins presented at home. Hopefully I can make the rounds by the end of December.

John Browne-secretary

Calendar of Events

Dec 18th Installation of Worshipful Master Glenn Hutchings at 6:30 PM. Family Holiday dinner at about 7 PM.

Jan 1st NO Spl. Communication.

Jan 15th is our Stated Communication, lodge opens at 6:30 PM. Installation of remaining officers in a tiled lodge.

Jan 17th MFLA meeting this month hosted by Whatcom Lodge at the W. Maplewood Hall.

Feb 5th No special on this date but rather we will join with Bellingham Bay Lodge for a Special on Friday February 20th.

Feb 19th is our Stated Communication

To contribute to this newsletter please send your letter, comment, historical fact, poem or calendar announcement, by the 2nd Monday of each month, to:

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