



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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The Master's Trestle-board

My Brethren, it is nearly Christmas, soon followed by the New Year and we truly have so much to be thankful for. I am so glad I have this lodge & that I have you! We had two petitions, one for Affiliation and one for Plural membership, read in lodge at the November stated meeting. Our Web-site, so wonderfully maintained by Bro. Oussama El-Khoury, has seen a number of visitors and generated a few Masonic inquiries. I choose to be optimistic that our lodge will soon see positive growth. Perhaps some local rusty Masons will return to lodge and give us a hand.

Fraternally,
WM Glenn W. Hutchings

A Friendly Reminder

The Dues Notices went out in October and the vast majority of the brothers have returned payment. But, there are still a few brothers who probably misplaced the Dues Notice - that happens. For those who have not sent in your dues payment, please help your poor ol' secretary and send it on in. If you misplaced the notice - dues is \$25.

Those brothers who are life members or 50 year members did not receive notices. We have a larger number of life & 50 year members, and a few brothers who are very near to becoming 50 year members.

If you have any questions regarding Dues please contact your secretary:

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INSTALLATION OF THE VORSHIPFUL MASTER

Friday, December 10th, 2004.

Whatcom Lodge No. 151 will be installing its WM for 2005, in an open lodge ceremony, at 6:30 PM. A Holiday Dinner will follow the installation at 7:00 PM. There will be entertainment, a FHS choral group, a few lodge award presentations and a fine feast.

Come One - Come All!

Whatcom brothers, attire is dark suit or Tux .



Each brother is a bit of Masonic light,
making our path all the brighter!

A December Poem

Nothing Gold Can Stay

Nature's first green is gold

Her hardest hue to hold.

Her early leaf's a flower,

But only for an hour.

Then leaf subsides to leaf,

So Eden sank to grief,

So dawn goes down today.

Nothing gold can stay.

....Robert Frost

In Remembrance

Brother William "Bill" Ayers, 62, died Friday, Nov. 26, 2004. Bro. Bill was born Jan. 18, 1942, in Tacoma, to William E. and Hazel Ayers. Bill is survived by his daughter Nancy and her daughters Sara and Erica all of Portland, son Chad Ayers of Bellingham, sister Marilyn of Sequim, WA and sister Jane of Seattle.

Bill grew up in Bellingham and worked as a Crane Operator for many years, including work on the Alaska Pipeline. Bill was a skilled woodworker and made lawn furniture and rocking chairs for children. Bill loved his children and his beautiful granddaughters, enjoyed watching all sports including Sonics, M's and the Seahawks. Bill was a teaser, and greeted everyone with a joke. Bill was a member of the Shrine and of York Rite. He was elected for the degrees of Masonry on 2/19/1970 in Whatcom Lodge 151. Bro. Bill Ayers was initiated 4/2/1970, passed 9/3/1970, raised 11/5/1970 and Raised to the Supreme Lodge Above: November 26th, 2004.

*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.....*

Memorial contributions can be made to:

Whatcom Hospice
800 E. Chestnut, Suite C1
Bellingham, WA 98225

WhatSayYou!

It is not the function of our Government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the Government from falling into error. Robert Jackson,

US Supreme Court Justice

Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives. William A. Foster

We are all tattooed in our cradles with the beliefs of our tribe; the record may seem superficial, but it is indelible. You cannot educate a man wholly out of the superstitious fears which were implanted in his imagination, no matter how utterly his reason may reject them.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.,

In life it is difficult to say who does you the worst mischief, enemies with the worst intentions or friends with the best. Edward George Bulwer-Lytton

The evil that is in the world almost always comes of ignorance, and good intentions may do as much harm as malevolence if they lack understanding.

Albert Camus

I don't pity any man who does hard work. I admire him. I pity the creature who does not work, at whichever end of the social scale he may regard himself as being. Theodore Roosevelt

Ignorance is preferable to error; and he is less remote from the truth who believes nothing, than he who believes what is wrong. Thomas Jefferson

Rules are like flagpoles in a slalom race: You observe their presence religiously, skirt around them as closely as possible and never let them cut your speed. Katherine Neville

The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

Hell, there are no rules here - we're trying to accomplish something. Thomas Alva Edison (1847 - 1931)



I do not want the peace
which passeth all understanding,
I want understanding
which bringeth peace!

Helen Keller, 1880–1968

Calendar of Events

Dec 10th Installation of Worshipful Master at 6:30 PM. Followed by our Awards Night dinner at about 7 PM.

Dec. No MFLA meeting this month.

Jan 14th Join us for Bunco Night, a fun dice game, and a Potluck Dinner. Starts at 6:30 PM at W. Maplewood. Whatcom Lodge will provide the main dish.

Jan 15th MFLA, hosted by Whatcom Lodge # 151 at W. Maplewood. 10 AM.

Jan 20th Stated Meeting Dinner at 6 PM and lodge begins to open at 6:30 PM.

Feb 12th Annual all Masonic salute to our Sweethearts. Time and location to be announced.

Feb 17th Stated Meeting Dinner at 6 PM and lodge begins to open at 6:30 PM.

There are many in this old world
of ours who hold that things
break about even for all of us.
I have observed, for example,
that we all get the same amount
of ice. The rich get it in the
summertime and the poor
get it in the winter.

Bat Masterson

Computer Assistance Program

Are you getting the most out of your computer? Do you not have a computer but think you might like to try one, yet have no idea what you'd be getting into? The world of computers can be confusing, intimidating and so forth, but it does not have to be. Computers are, for the most part, just tools to help make some of life's chores a little easier. If you'd like to get more out of a computer you have, or would like to investigate getting into the computer revolution, your Whatcom Lodge secretary will help find you some assistance. I propose setting up a local *computer assistance help association*.

First off - We need to establish a pool of brothers who are computer literate to serve as helpers. So, I ask those brothers in Whatcom Lodge and other lodges in District Ten to send me a little info about you and your computing environment to include: programs you feel skilled enough to help beginners get started and/or if you can do some hardware work - installing memory, hard-drives etc.

Second - brothers & sisters in District Ten, if you'd like to get some kind of computer assistance let me know and I will do my best to locate and connect you with some help.

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