



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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Master's Trestleboard

Brethren we are beginning a new year on both feet and running forward. Your lodge made some very strong moves at our last Stated Meeting. The brothers voted on two Petitions: Bro. Dale Brandland was elected as a member by affiliation and Bro. Johnathan Ashley was elected to Plural membership. As some of you may know, Bro. Brandland is a Senator in our State's Legislature and was a former police officer and Sheriff of Whatcom County. Brother Ashley is a current student at Western WA University.

In other business the lodge approved a donation to the Masonic Service Assoc.'s Hospital Visitation Program and a donation to assist Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay. Our Sec., John Browne, placed an Ad in the student newspaper at WWU, which appeared in the Dec. 3rd issue. The Ad resulted in one student contacting him and requesting a Petition. The brethren decided to approve funds to have brothers Larry West and John Browne place Ads in several local newspapers. On another item of business the brothers approved a motion to have Whatcom Lodge serve as the sponsor of the new reformed Rainbow Assembly, see the article to the right.

I hope you will come out and support our lodge social activities. On Friday Jan. 14th we have Bunco Night. The lodge is supplying the meat & drink and brothers will bring casseroles, salads, rolls and desserts. This event is open to family and friends so don't be shy. Be sure to plan ahead, on Saturday Feb. 12th is our Sweethearts Dinner at the Sapphire Cove. We had lots of fun last year and this year it will be even better. Please check the Events Calendar for other future events and activities.

Fraternally,

WM Glenn W. Hutchings



Yes dear, I have us all set up for the Sweethearts Dinner!

Yes, its here, so have another very Happy New Year!

*Each human being is bred with a unique set of potentials
that yearn to be fulfilled as surely as the acorn yearns
to become the oak within it.*

Aristotle

Whatcom County Rainbow Assemblies Merge

In response to dwindling membership and scare adult assistance the three Rainbow Assemblies in Whatcom County decided, as 2004 came to a close, to merge into one strong assembly. The girls and adult advisors held several meetings from October through December to work out the logistics of this action. The merger will finalize at the end of January 2005; their 1st meeting on Tue. 1/25 at 7 PM, Ferndale Masonic Hall.

There were a number of concerns which this merger will take care of, not the least of which was an overstretched resource of adult assistance. This has been keenly felt when trying to marshal help to man the food stands at Pioneer Park and the Lynden Fair Grounds; not to mention providing rides and chaperoning events. Each Rainbow Assembly and each Assembly's Advisory Board met and had to approve the merger in order to make it happen. A combined meeting was held on Saturday Dec. 4th, 2004 at which time some remaining details were worked out and a new Advisory Board was formed. The girls came together and decided to name the newly merged assembly Evergreen Assembly No. 17. They will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at the Ferndale Masonic Center at 7 PM. The newly formed Evergreen Advisory Board selected Mr. Tim Springstead as President, Ms. Julie Burnett as Secretary, Mr. Verne Christianson as Treasurer and Ms. Nadine Weatherby as Mother Advisor. The board decided to ask Whatcom Lodge No. 151 if they would be the sponsoring Masonic body. The brethren of Whatcom Lodge voted yes at the Stated Meeting of December 16th, 2004, to accept sponsorship.

Whatcom brothers Sam Silverman and John Browne will serve on the Advisory Board for Evergreen Rainbow Assembly No. 17.

A poem for January

**Enjoy the spring
of love and youth,
To some good angel
leave the rest;
For time will teach thee
soon the truth,
There are no birds
in last year's nest.**

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Looking for a little fun, fellowship & food, you need look no further. Whatcom Lodge is hosting Bunco Night on **Friday Jan. 10th 6:30 PM** at W. Maplewood. The Lodge will provide meat & drink, please bring a casserole, salad, or dessert.. We will have door prizes, and contest winners—brings family & friends. For info: *John Browne: 738-1537*



WhatSayYou!

First say to yourself what you would be;
and then do what you have to do.
Epictetus

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.
Bro. Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain)

You could not discover the frontiers of the soul even if you traveled every road to do so; such is the depth of its meaning. Heraclitus

It is true, that a little philosophy inclineth man's mind to atheism; but depth in philosophy bringeth man's mind about to religion. Francis Bacon

The wise are instructed by reason, average minds by experience, the stupid by necessity and the brute by instinct.
Marcus Tullius Cicero

God offers to every mind a choice between truth and repose. Take which you please - you can never have both.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Hateful to me, as the gates of Hades, is that man who hides one thing in his heart and speaks another. Homer

I distrust those people who know so well what God wants them to do because I notice it always coincides with their own desires. Susan B Anthony

The happiness of a man in this life does not consist in the absence but in the mastery of his passions.
Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact. George Eliot

Do not the most moving moments of our lives find us all without words?
Marcel Marceau

In the Auschwitz death camp, a group of inmates told Victor Frankl that they no longer expected anything from life. Frankl responded that they had it backward. "Life expects something of you, and it is up to you, to every individual to discover what it should be."

Submitted by your Tyler - Ted McQuiston

Sweethearts Dinner



You are cordially invited to join the brothers of Bellingham Bay, Fairhaven & Whatcom Lodges For a Sweethearts dinner at the Sapphire Cove Saturday February 12th, Social hour at 6 PM Whatcom brothers—cost is \$20 per person.

For more information & to RSVP call: Secretary - John Browne at 738-1537
Or email: jbrowne@telcomplus.net

Calendar of Events

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 meat dish, you bring casserole, salad or dessert.

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

Jan 20th Stated meeting dinner at 6 PM, lodge begins to open at 6:30 PM.

Feb 12th Annual all Masonic salute to our Sweethearts at Sapphire Cove, (old Bellingham Yacht Club) the social hour begins at 6 PM.

Feb 17th Stated meeting dinner at 6 PM and lodge begins to open at 6:30 PM.

Feb 19th MFLA, hosted by Ferndale Lodge No. 264 at W. Maplewood.



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It occurred to me
that the problem
with doing nothing
Is not knowing
when you're finished.
Nelson De Mille, Plum Island

Good ol' Apples

One reason apples are so good for you is that they contain a substance, *quercetin*, which has been shown highly effective in counteracting oxidation damage in brain cells - associated with Alzheimer's. Not all apples are equal, red apples have significantly more *quercetin* than green or yellow apples. Don't peel your apples before you eat them because most of the *quercetin* is contained in the apple skins. Blueberries, raspberries and onions are other excellent sources for *quercetin*. Eating apples and berries fresh and whole provides the best health benefits.

Men are apt to mistake
the strength of their feeling
for the strength of their argument
The heated mind resents
the chill touch and
relentless scrutiny of logic

William E Gladstone

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